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By J. MURRAY BARTELS.

Up to about four years ago very little was known about the reprints of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Single sets of each had been sold at an auction sale in New York, realizing something like \$25 each, but further details have never been published. In Gibbons' catalogue we find the following note after the first issue of New Brunswick: "Reprints of all values were made in 1890 on thin, hard, white paper; the 3d is bright orange, the 6d and 1s violet-black." The story of the find of these New Brunswick reprints has never been told in print and will undoubtedly be of interest to our readers.

At the time the writer was living in a bachelor's hotel in Boston. Being engaged in some stamp work one evening, several of the young men happened to notice it and had something to say about stamps. One young Canadian named Blair, after speaking of his collection, stated that somewhere at home he had a lot of New Brunswick reprints "which, of course, had little or no value." At first it was apparent that he referred to some rather common remainders of the cent values, but he was able to give a good description of the lot, stating that there were a number of sheets and he could undoubtedly obtain them. It was very difficult to convince him that they were of any value, and when a round sum was offered for the lot unseen, provided they were as described, he was very much surprised, and immediately wrote to his brother to forward the stamps. As he happened to know the address of another stamp dealing concern, he communicated with them in the meantime, stating that he had some New Brunswick reprints and asking what they were worth. This firm also believed that he referred to the common remainders of the later issue, and replied that they were pretty well stocked with the same, but might buy more if the price was very low. A few days later the consignment arrived, and it was not many hours before we concluded the deal. The story of the find soon became known, and immediately others were deeply interested. Several offers were made to acquire the entire lot from the purchaser at more than double

the original price, but all of these were declined. The letter, transmitting the reprints to the late A. G. Blair, at that time Minister of Railways and Canals at Ottawa, the father of our young friend, is published for the first time, and shows the exact quantity of sheets and specimens printed. It reads:

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Yours faithfully,

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A FEW NOTES ON CONFEDERATES.

By GEO. W. LINN.

Regarding "Communication" in latest WEEKLY about Confederates I have read several letters in old volumes of *The American Stamp Mercury*, Boston, 1867 (Trifet's publication), and give a few facts as stated in these letters. The first three stamps, Scott's Types I, II and III were lithographed by Hayes & Ludwig of Richmond, Va. The lithographic stones for these stamps were destroyed by fire in September, 1861, so one writer in the *Mercury* states.

Scott's type A4 and A10 were made from plates made by De La Rue & Co. of London. These are not engraved in the sense we understand an engraved stamp in these days. They were printed from electrotypes. I always wondered why Gibbons catalog listed the stamps of Type 4 as local impressions from lithographic transfers. If this is correct there must also be a local impression made direct from the plates as a fraction of a plate, consisting of 9 stamps, 3x3 is here in Columbus in the Relic Room of the State House and was, I believe, captured during the war. The original and first contract for Confederate stamps was placed with Hayes & Ludwig, lithographers of Richmond, Va.

Gibbons catalog refers to the late issues of the Confederacy, Gibbons type 5, 6, 7, 8 as printed by Archer and Daly. This is wrong. Archer and Daly succeeded Hayes & Ludwig as contractors for supplying the stamps, but the printing was done by Messrs. Keating & Ball; because Archer & Daly fell down on the job after engraving the plates and a contract was then made with Keating & Ball. Gibbons says three steel plate stamps were engraved by Mr. Archer and one by Mr. Halpin. Quoting from the *Mercury*: "Mr. Archer engraved the first steel plate postage stamp for the Department and a Mr. Halpin employed in his office (*presumably Archer's office.—LINN) engraved all of the others."

The greater portion of the above is copied from a letter signed by H. St. Geo. Offutt, who was First Asst. P. M. General of the Confederacy under Postmaster General Judge John H. Bryam of Texas, from beginning to end.

There was at one time, an attempt made to place a 10c stamp with Stonewall Jackson's picture on it, in the hands of collectors as a genuine stamp. This was supposed to have been made by De La Rue & Co. at same time as the 5c and 1c values were made.

COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

TO THE EDITOR:
In the last issue you have quoted editorially what Mr. George A. Chandler of Milwaukee wrote to you in regard of using an ordinary two-cent stamp for postage due. It may be of interest to you to know that I have something in my collection which is just contrary to his finding. I have the original cover on which a two-cent postage due stamp has been used for regular postage instead of ordinary two-cent stamp. The stamp is in right position in upper right corner of the envelope, bears the ordinary cancellation and is in good condition. It came to my hands fresh from the mails, so there is no doubt of being not used as described. One is certainly puzzled how the sender of that letter ever got hold of such a stamp and how it went through without interference from the postoffice people.

Another philatelic curiosity—as it may be called—is the registered postcard from Russia bearing besides the registry stamp two other stamps, 4 and 10 kopeykas ones.

I have also noted what Mr. L. C. Hooper of Winnipeg has to say in regard to 1c King George stamp with inverted precancellation "Toronto-Ontario." Did he ever mention the 1c King George stamp precancelled "Winnipeg-Manitoba" which precancellation is, too, inverted? I have one nice specimen of this kind in my possession and friend of mine also has one copy of the same kind.

Very truly yours,
JOHN MOLEK, Chicago.

TO THE EDITOR:

Have you ever recorded a variety of the 1c, 1890-93, with a continuation of the right tail of the left figure one, upward nearly the length of the figure? If so could you give me an idea of the value in your paper?

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Mr. Piper writes: "I have been taking your paper ever since the beginning. I started with the issue of January 7th, 1891, Volume I, Number 1 and have a complete file. I have got a great deal of information of value from it and would not do without it at twice the price of the paper. I want to be on the list as it will do me good." Mr. Kendall says: "I began taking philatelic papers when Scott issued his journal in the early seventies and have since been a subscriber to nearly all of the larger and many of the smaller ones and those on hand will show to the amount of nearly a ton. I am only sixty-seven years old and so have lots of time yet to get more—'Maybe'." Mr. E. H. Russell, Wilbur, Oregon, has this to say: "I notice that you are printing a roll of honor of subscribers to the 'Grand Old WEEKLY', and am wondering if I can get on the list; but as I did not commence at the beginning, I am afraid not. My first copy is dated, August 26, 1892, Number 85, and have all complete except Nos. 1 to 84 and part of 1897-1898 when I lacked the \$). I am like Bro. McConnell of Walloon Lake, Michigan (although not quite as old) and would miss the WEEKLY very much. Wishing you continued success and the compliments of the season." Mr. Walter Molatsch, Nanuet, New York, writes: "I began collecting stamps in 1894 and have been a subscriber to the WEEKLY since then. I shall remain a subscriber as long as I am in the stamp game."

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A gentleman in the back of the room rises to ask if the name of his correspondent in Hamburg, Otto Gumme, could not be anglicized into O. Gum. We cannot say until Ad Hesive, of whom we have spoken before, has been consulted.

Number five of the *Busting Hand Organ*, official hand organ of the society of the same name, addressed to Parnassus Penflip has been received. Even the best of them have their secret history. Horrors, little Ermentrude is playing with papah's razor.

The new machine to be used by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the invention of Benjamin R. Stickney "will print, perforate, gum, dry, and either cut into sheets or coil in mile lengths the product of the press." What collector though wants his stamps in mile lengths.

Chicago bandits made the mistake of robbing a country post-office of parcel post stamps just before Christmas; and the possession of the stamps in question before the date of their issue is counted upon to send the culprits to the penitentiary. No one but philatelists should rob post-offices is the immoral of this tale.

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CHAPTER XXV.

90 Cents, Issue of 1869.

This week I take up the study of a stamp which has long been one which has claimed my unbounded admiration. Unfortunately it is a hard stamp to obtain in any condition, and this makes it difficult to give it the study it deserves. The 90 cents 1869 is, to my mind, the handsomest of the series; it bears a splendid likeness of the martyred Lincoln, and in other ways it has charms which no other stamp of this issue possesses.

Like most of this series of postage stamps the perforating is a nightmare, and the process of cancellation was overdone. Of the 47,490 delivered by the engravers, it seems to me that not more than the last two figures escaped to be what is termed perfect stamps. The balance are off center, in perforating; head out of center of the frame, and thousands show the visage almost obliterated by the ink dauber.

The stamp appeared about the latter part of May, in 1869, and then only to replace the 90 cents stamp of the previous issue as they were exhausted at the postoffices. Ten months later they were withdrawn and gave way to a 90 cents wholly in carmine, which, while it gave better satisfaction to the buying and using public, always suffered in comparison with the previous one, in the eyes of the student of philately.

The official colors are known as black and carmine, and black and rose carmine. There are intermediate shades of the carmine, however, and if one has a fine eye for color one can shade up at least ten stamps and not have two to look exactly alike. There is also a difference in the black, it appearing in a grayish black; this may have been caused through influence of the light, causing the color to fade somewhat. I am inclined to think that all were not printed in an identical shade of black, however.

Three sizes of grilles are known to exist, besides split grilles and double grilles. The sizes are:

Size.	Points.
9 1/2 x 9 1/2	13 x 12
9 x 9 1/2	12 x 12
9 x 9	12 x 11

The stamp also exists without grille, and comes in deep black and carmine only. As this is the exact shade of the reprint, the two are sometimes confounded, if one happens to have the stamp unused, which shows no grille. There is a difference in paper texture which distinguishes the two and experts have no trouble in determining which is which.

As was stated above, there were 47,490 stamps printed and delivered to the government by the engravers. From the scarcity of the stamp I feel certain that a considerable number of these were turned back to the postoffice department and destroyed.

The prints were made from plates numbered 22 and 22—both the portrait and the frame in all cases bearing the same imprint and plate number.

In common with the others of this series this stamp was reprinted in 1875

for the nation's first world's exposition. The engravers made 10,000 of them, but there was little demand for these reprints, so only 1,356 were sold and 8,644 were passed back to the government to be put away forever from public view, via the furnace door.

The reprints are printed in deep black and carmine, upon thin white paper, and some probably were gummed, although I

will confess I have never seen enough of them to be certain on that point.

The originals are very scarce in unused condition, and are, I believe, underpriced in the catalogs. Pairs unused are rarities of considerable value, while blocks of four unused are practically unattainable, except where here and there a block exists in some collection.

Black is the ruling color of cancellation; occasionally one finds a blue circle or bar cancellation. Red is very scarce, while I have never seen but one green cancellation and one with year date. I have been privileged to see two or three cancelled "Paid" and another with an express-railway cancellation. This is as far as I have been able to study.

Proofs, both in cardboard and india paper should be made a part of the collection, if one wants to complete the handsomest set of stamps and proofs. The series can be had in sets, in both the card and paper proofs; one is practically as cheap as the other. The higher values are a bit scarcer as some are found taking the place of the stamps in collections where the collector feels that he is not able to possess the original stamps.

(To be continued.)

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Mozambique 1911, 2 1/2r to 50r " .22
Brunei 1911, 1, 2, 3c .07
Bahamas 1912, 1/4, 1, 2 1/2, 4d .23
Barbados 1912, 1/4d, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2d o. g. .08
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Cyprus 1904-11, 6 var. mint .32
Falkland Isles 1912, 1/4, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 6d and 1sh .65
Gibraltar 1912, 1/4, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 6d and 1sh .65
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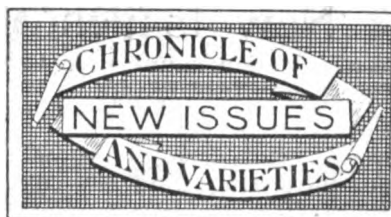
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precanceled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDRIDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

UNITED STATES.—F. B. Eldredge reports the following precancels:

Saint Johnsbury, Vt.—Three lines (Saint Johnsbury—Vermont.) horizontal inscription between lines, two above and below, each 1/2 mm. wide. Space between rules 1 mm. Space containing inscription 13 mm. 1c, 1912.

Ashland, Ohio.—(No. 1145) 1c 1912, Inverted.

Chicago, Ill.—(Stock Yards) Three horizontal lines, 3 mm. apart, lines from 1/2 to 1 mm. in thickness. 1c, 1912.

North Haven, Conn.—(North Haven—Conn.) in two lines, ordinary type capitals with serifs, between two horizontal rules, 1 mm. wide. Space containing inscription, 12 mm. wide. 1c, 1912.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Two lines (Cleveland—Ohio), horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals, between two rules, 1 1/2 mm. apart, rules 1 mm. in thickness. 1c, 1912.

BALKAN WAR STAMPS.—We take the following from *Ewen's Weekly*:

It has by now become common that the misery of war enriches the stamp collector. At any rate they are bound to gain by the war in the Balkans. Until the new stamps appear Greece has issued provisionals for Lemnos, Imbros, Samothrace and Thasos—the islands restored by her fleet to the Athenian Empire after two thousand years. This provisional issue will be withdrawn at the conclusion of the war, so many philatelists will have to content themselves with the commemorative stamp at present being printed. *The Westminster Gazette* says: "The design for the new stamps is originally Greek, being an adaption of an idea furnished by the Director of the Numismatic Museum at Athens." The stamps issued by the Allies for the conquered provinces are to be all of the same type in design and decoration, the only difference being that the vignette in the middle of the stamp will be a picture of Sofia in the case of Bulgaria; Belgrade for Serbia; Cetinje for Montenegro; and of Athens for Greece. Above the four capital cities appears the same bright cloud with the fiery cross and inscription "In hoc signo vinces."

BARBADOS.—W. H. Regan writes the following very interesting letter to *Ewen's Weekly* with regard to this country; he also submits an old "Barbadoes" 1d coin:—

"Having read your notices concerning the new Barbados stamps, I thought a sight of the enclosed coin might interest you. It is a Barbados (spelt 'Barbadoes' on the coin) 1d of George III, 1792, and depicts the reigning monarch as Neptune seated in a marine car.

"Might I suggest that the lady in the marine car on the present stamps may be Queen Mary. That one does not recognise Her Majesty's features is little to go by, taking into consideration the difficulty we have had in perceiving the identity of King George V on some of the new stamps."

CANAL ZONE.—Frank E. Greene has shown us a new printing of the surcharge on the current 2c stamp. The spacing is slightly wider and the "C" of

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Send for Parker's Priced List of Postage and Revenue stamps. [H] PARKER, BETHLEHEM, PA.

CARTER'S MESSENGER—Last number entirely gone. \$1000 worth of stamps sold. January issue a "corker"—free. 265 Halsey Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Canal" is minus serif at the bottom. The stamp itself is also a new printing as the paper has a slight bluish tint. It was issued in the Zone Dec. 6 or earlier.

CEYLON.—A. C. Roessler sends us specimens of the new stamps as previously noted.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS.—*Ewen's Weekly* quotes from the *Bazaar* as follows:

Our readers are aware of the high prices demanded for the 1/2d and 1d values of the first issue (1911) of Gilbert and Ellice Islands surcharged on Fiji. A correspondent has sent to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. the following information:

"The great majority of the 1/2d and 1d surcharged Fijian stamps were used for postal purposes for inter-island postage. When the Post Office here first started the postal rates were 2d to Australia and other countries and 1d between islands, and it was only natural that the 1/2d and 1d were needed for the Group. . . . The total native population is, roughly, 26,000, of whom ninety per cent. over ten years of age are able to read and write, and the native mail probably exceeds that of any white country per population. There are twenty-eight populated islands in the Protectorate, and although there is a good service in each Group (Gilbert, Ellice, and Union) the actual connections between Ocean Islands and the Gilberts, the Gilberts and the Ellice, the Ellice and the Unions, is so bad that at times it has taken a letter over five months to travel from Ocean Island to the Unions."

The white population has been put at fewer than 150. We find these statements somewhat amusing. It is difficult to imagine how, if all these ninety per cent. of natives over ten years of age were bursting to write letters, they managed before 1911. Apparently from the foregoing they did without a post office altogether until that time. What do they write about? Be it remembered that there were 12,240 of the 1/2d stamps supplied, and 12,000 of the 1d, and that in a very few weeks after the start the Pandanus tree set was in use. And if they were so keen on letter-writing, what has become of the letters with the stamps attached?

With such long waits between islands it would seem that the greater part of the letter-writing in the "Provisional" period must have been between people in the same island—taking, of course, island by island. Collectors will observe that the total native population is 26,000. We have then to eliminate all under ten years of age—probably a good number—and then ninety per cent. of the remainder are possible letter-writers. And the people had to be educated to the use of stamps!

The difficulties and doubts about these two values seem to be increased rather than removed by the information in question; and assuming the facts to be as stated, they do not support the notion of bona fide postal uses to the extent that would appear on a first reading. But accepting all that, there is still to be answered the question: *Where are all the used labels?* Caution in purchasing at ruling prices seems more necessary than ever.

Hermann Focke writes: "In last week's number of the WEEKLY it was stated that the missing values of the new series of stamps for the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Protectorates with head of King George would be issued in January, but I can inform you that I

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British Guiana: A very carefully made collection in which particular attention has been paid to condition, strong in the early issues, and pairs and blocks of the perforated stamps.

Fine specialised collections of Sarawak, British South Africa (including complete sheet of 1d on 4sh). [49-51]

The necessary essentials of reasonable prices and the finest condition are matters which have my most careful attention.

have had the values given below for about 2 weeks, my specimens bearing cancellation mark of Oct. 14, 1912, so that they must have been in use by that date. On the other hand the 1d, 2d, and 2½d are not out yet, my last remittance being still in the Pandanus type."

Adhesives.

4d black and red on yellow.
2sh violet and blue on blue.
2sh 6d black and red on blue.
5sh green and red on yellow.

GREAT BRITAIN.—M. T. Perkins reports having received a letter prepaid with a 1d King George, first type and issue, dated London W. C. Dec. 9, '12. The stamp does not bear the faded red tint common with the first issue but is in the almost scarlet color of the re-issue. This stamp was bought in the post office at London on the above date.

The following is from the facile pen of Fred J. Melville:—

"One never can tell when an issue of stamps may develop into a series of interesting philatelic varieties, and many collectors have probably been neglecting to keep pace with the Georgian issue of the stamps of our own country in the mistaken idea that they will be able to get these whenever they want them. Our familiarity with the use of the stamps may breed negligence so far as the collecting of them is concerned, but collectors will pay for their neglect later on. Generally speaking, an issue of stamps for Great Britain, where the numbers printed run to millions, must remain common for many years to come. But there have been factors making for frequent and little appreciated changes in our stamps just lately, and some of the varieties thus brought about may be difficult to obtain later on.

"As instances of scarce varieties of our Georgian stamps already known, there is the ½d, with the error of perforation gauging 14, i.e., with the old perforation instead of the new one gauging 15 by 14. There is also the 1d lion stamp (second type) without watermark. Now the new watermark of the Royal cipher appears in two varieties. In the first type of the new watermark the devices were in alternating rows, but the watermark is now produced by a dandy roll, on which the devices appear in regular perpendicular rows. The difference may be indicated thus:

First Cipher Watermark.

GR	GR	GR
GR	GR	GR

New Cipher Watermark.

GR	GR	GR	GR
GR	GR	GR	GR
GR	GR	GR	GR

"Both watermarks are of the 'all-over' or 'multiple' kind, but hitherto the multiple watermarks used for the Colonial stamps have been arranged similarly to the first of the cipher watermarks. The paper made with the first cipher watermark was in hand in readi-

ness for postage stamps at the time when the demand for insurance stamps became pressing, and before the specially watermarked insurance stamp paper was ready. So the Royal cipher postage stamp paper was used for some of the insurance stamps. Before the stock of the old postage paper (watermarked Crown) was exhausted the new arrangement of the cipher was decided upon and brought into use. But it comes as a surprise to most collectors to find that there has been an issue of the postage stamps on both styles of the cipher paper, and it shows how desirable it is for collectors to keep a close scrutiny over the Georgian stamp denominations at this period of many changes."

HONDURAS.—Dr. Roy F. DeSart reports having seen the 20c official, Scott's No. 183, with surcharge, "Official" in black instead of carmine.

HONG KONG.—John Jacobs has shown us the first of King George stamps. The design is the same as the previous issue except that the Swastika has disappeared from the lower corners. The value in figures is printed in square tablets in the place of the deposed ornaments, in colorless characters, the value in words is as before, except that the ends of the frame are cut off, leaving simply lines above and below. Mr. Jacobs has shown us the 10c value. The other information given below was taken from the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung*, which says that the remaining Edwardian stamps will be destroyed as soon as the new stamps appear.

Adhesives.

1c dark brown.
2c green.
4c red.
6c orange.
8c gray.
10c ultramarine.
12c lilac and yellow.
20c yellow green and lilac.
30c orange and lilac.
50c black on green.
\$1 blue and lilac on blue.
\$2 gray and red.
\$3 lilac and green.
\$5 red and dark green.
\$10 black and lilac on red.

Envelope.

4c carmine on bluish.

Registration Envelope.

10c violet on buff.

Wrapper.

2c green on buff.

Post Cards.

1c dark brown on buff.
1x1c dark brown on buff.
4c carmine on buff.
4x4c carmine on buff.

PANAMA.—Dr. Roy F. DeSart informs us that he has a copy of Scott's No. 183, with a small inverted "v" in place of the second "A".

SIAM.—A. C. Roessler sends us a specimen of the new stamps with portrait of the young King. The design which is entirely new is 19x25 mm., an upright rectangle. Four tablets are enclosed within a double-lined border. At the left is a tablet extending from top

to bottom of stamp, 5 mm. wide, having fanciful figures and foliage ornaments. At the right a large tablet, 11x15 mm., has a finely-engraved portrait of King Wajirawudh. Below this is a narrow tablet having the name of the country in both and English. A larger tablet above the portrait has the value, also in two languages, the English being expressed "2-stg" in two lines. The new stamps were designed by M. Tamagno, and were printed in Leipzig, Germany.

Adhesive.

2s yellow brown.

ST. VINCENT.—The postmaster at Kingstown informs Hermann Focke that the new issue to supersede the present one on the first of January will consist of the values of ½d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1sh, 2sh, 5sh and £1, but fails to give an idea as to the style of the stamps. The omission of the 2½d from the list given above is noticeable. Possibly it was a mistake.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

(For the benefit of our advertisers as well as subscribers we shall keep all sales posted and desire early receipt of catalogs that dates may be promptly entered.)

Jan. 8.—J. M. Bartels Co. will sell 300 lots of U. S. in locals and blocks. Also early Turkey.

Jan. 8.—B. L. Drew & Co. will sell 600 lots of U. S. and foreign stamps, the property chiefly of John S. Allen, of Boston.

Jan. 10-11.—Phila. Stamp Co. will sell stamps of Great Britain and colonies, all unused. Also lots of U. S. and other countries.

Jan. 25.—International Stamp Co., DeGraft, O.

Jan. 29-30.—B. L. Drew announces sale of particularly fine property, indicating record sale. Particulars later.

Feb. 7-8.—Sale of European stamps and colonies of European countries by the Phila. Stamp Co. All stamps unused.

Feb. 8.—Old Germans, triangular Capes etc. in fine sale by F. Michael and Bro.

Feb. 10.—International Stamp Co., DeGraft, O.

NEWS CLEANINGS

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from the Economist Stamp Co., Geo. W. Schaefer(3), Hugo Kuentler, (8).

—After his strenuous work in connection with the Stamp Exhibition Fred J. Melville is evidently off on a bit of a vacation. We are in receipt of a card of greetings from him bearing a postmark of the Somali Coast.

—The regular meeting of the New England Philatelic Association and the American Envelope Society Consolidated will be held Tuesday evening, Jan. 14th. This being the eighteenth anniversary,

the same will be celebrated by a banquet at the "Hayward", 16 Hayward Place, Boston. Dinner will be served at 8 o'clock. Tickets \$2.00 per plate. Kindly notify A. P. Brown, Chairman, 88 Carruth St., Dorchester Centre, Mass. saying you will be present. Annual reports will be read followed by the election of officers. An enjoyable time is anticipated.

—Dealers take notice! Ralph N. Nelson, Newark, N. J., sent check for \$29.25 to the H. S. Powell Stamp Co. for a packet. The company delayed filling the order long enough to ascertain that the check was worthless. We take this opportunity for complimenting the firm for its care in handling the order.

—We are advised of the death of Chas. S. Cates, Pasadena, Cal. Mr. Cates has been interested in philately for the past twenty years. For eight years he has been an invalid.

—M. Ohlmann finds himself greatly delayed in filling orders for his 20th Century packet, and begs the indulgence of his patrons until he is able to catch up with his orders.

—The International Stamp Co., DeGraft, Ohio, publishes a daily bargain list. This is a unique idea and is evidently proving successful.

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS.

In a recent article on special delivery stamps I was in error with regard to the date the United States "1902" design was resuscitated. Mr. F. W. Hodge writes as follows regarding the matter: "Permit me to invite attention to an error in your description of the U. S. Special Delivery stamps. You state that the reissue of the old design of 1902, after the retirement of the green special delivery label of 1908, can be easily identified by the paper bearing the new watermark. As a matter of fact this reissue was made in 1909, not 1910, and retained the double line watermark. It can be distinguished from the 1902 issue only by the date '1909,' engraved on the margin of the sheet. The paper with the new watermark was not used until the following year."

Another correspondent, Mr. J. Dreyer, writes as follows:—

"The Special Delivery stamp, series of 1902, at present in use was re-issued rather early in 1909—not 1910—for I bought some at Nampa, Idaho, along with Alaska Y. P. stamps in the summer of that year. I got one with the plate number 5240 attached. Plate number 5239 is a 10c denomination of the 1908-09 series; No. 5144, No. 5145, No. 5250 are Alaska Y. P. 2c plates, hence my conclusion. Besides the old plates, from which special delivery stamps, series 1902, were printed prior to the order of the Post Office Department to discontinue printing the Special Delivery stamps of that series, were cancelled upon receipt of that order and afterwards destroyed. When the P. O. Dept. ordered the printing of the green 'Merry Widow' stamp discontinued, they requested the Bureau to make new plates from the same roller that had been used in making the old plates of 1902. This was done and the Bureau issued 56,627 sheets of stamps from these new plates. Later, these new plates had engraved upon them the figures '09, following the serial number on the margin, to show that they were made in that year. The reissued 10c Special Delivery stamps were thus printed on paper with the double-line letters U. S. P. S. (old watermark), since no stamps were printed on the new paper before August 22nd, 1910. For the ordinary collector such stamps are not distinguishable from those printed before 1908 or during that year. The specialist will have to search for copies with plate numbers attached. The highest plate number I have seen is 5339."

It will, thus, be understood from the above that so far as the general collector is concerned it is impossible to distinguish the reissue from the original 1902 stamps until after the single-line watermark came into use. Specialists may claim to differentiate the two by shades but except in the case of those stamps having the marginal plate numbers attached it is impossible to say with certainty that any particular stamps belong to the reissues.

SANITARY FAIR STAMPS.

A correspondent asks for information regarding the labels inscribed "Great Central Fair Postage" and "U. S. Sanitary Commission." These labels are not postage stamps and though cancelled copies are known they were so obliterated through carelessness or by an obliging postal clerk. Mr. C. E. Severn has written an interesting history of these and similar labels in the *Collectors' Journal* from which we gather that the labels bearing the inscriptions quoted above were issued in 1864 in connection with the Great Central Fair held at Philadelphia in that year. Their status and use is clearly

shown in the following letter written from Washington on Dec. 10th, 1888, by the then Third Assistant Postmaster General:—

"The stamp of the Sanitary Commission submitted with your letter of the 30th ult., is herewith returned. This stamp, with the other forms to which you allude, was issued by the United States Sanitary Commission during the late war (in 1863 or 1864), for use in a great fair held for the benefit of the Commission. I think, in the city of Philadelphia. The stamps were not postage stamps, were never used for the purpose of having matter transmitted from one place to another, and had no recognition whatever from the Government."

The set consisted of three values—10c, 20c and 30c—and they were beautifully printed by the line-engraved process by the American Bank Note Company. The Company donated the stamps to the Fair management but evidently only a small proportion of the visitors were charitably inclined for less than 2,000 of each value were sold. These labels have, of course, no philatelic value at all but are simply curiosities or mementoes of the Fair of 1864.

REPRINTS.

Mr. S. M. Reed writes as follows:—"Please tell me whether there is any way to restore the color of oxidized U. S. Revenues. (2) If a certain stamp is reprinted is the public informed or is the collector left a prey to unscrupulous dealers? (3) If reprints are made from the original plates why should there be any difference between them and the originals except in shades?"

With regard to the first query immersion in peroxide of hydrogen may help restore the color a little.

Reprints fall into two classes—Government reprints and private reprints. The former are made by a government and the latter by private individuals into whose hands the plates have fallen. We have dealt with the matter fairly fully in these columns already and though the fact that a stamp has been reprinted is not usually advertised broadcast it does not necessarily follow that the reprints are going to be sold to innocent collectors as the genuine article. The fact that reprints exist is generally discovered by a specialist or dealer (not one of the "unscrupulous" variety of course!) who has probably been victimised. The leading catalogues generally refer to those stamps which have been reprinted and if the distinguishing points are slight the collector had best leave such varieties alone or purchase only from a responsible dealer. The collector who gets "had" with a reprint is generally one who buys "bargains" from people of doubtful honesty or, more often, colossal philatelic ignorance. Reprints must, of course, be printed from the original plates but they may differ from the genuine stamps in a variety of ways—paper, color, perforation or all three may be different.

THE PASSION FOR PHILATELY.

(As seen by the London Sketch.)

There is more behind a stamp than the gum.

A look round the Philatelic Exhibition at the Horticultural Hall convinced the *Daily Sketch* that stamp collectors are a race unto themselves. It is impossible to imagine anybody deliberately cultivating the stamp collecting hobby. It comes into the world with you like a birth-mark, and remains with you to the grave. The ordinary man loves his country; the philatelist loves other countries' stamps.

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* " 1892-96, 50c (Cat. 50c).....	.20	* *Mocambique Ob. 1911, 2½r gray sm. 11 surch.....	.25
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Theodore Champion

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The craze for collecting other people's old envelopes with the magic little oblong that franks them through the world's post offices begins at a tender age, and the real stamp collector would be happier in the cradle with the envelope that enclosed the demand for the water-rate than with the most elaborate rattle designed by man.

The Seven Ages of Stamp Fever.

The passion burns fiercely through the seven ages. A boy stamp collector will cheerfully part with his prize lop-eared rabbit and the book his mother gave him to acquire another boy's stamps.

As he grows older he may forget the winsome face of his childish sweetheart, but he will always remember the expressionless faces of the Kings and Queens of his early collections.

If he grows rich in his old age he will spend his time and money in obtaining the stamps of others, and he will go to the grave tormented by the thought that he has not secured them all. If the problem of the baby or Raphael's Madonna were to confront the philatelist in the burning house he would forget both and save his stamp collection.

Philately's Freemasonry.

There is a good side to philately. It is the most democratising influence in the world. Its devotees number all ages of men and all classes of Society, and constitute a freemasonry that includes all races.

If all diplomatists were philatelists there would be no more war; they would never obey the order of recall while a stamp remained in the country. If war ever did occur it would be not to annex fresh territory, but to acquire old collections.

In the Horticultural Hall there are thousands of stamps valued at anything from a penny to a thousand pounds. To the uninitiated they all look alike, except that some are uglier than others. The faces of kings, queens, and presidents printed on them wear a pained expression as though they were tired of being stared at.

Result—Boredom.

The *Daily Sketch* tried valiantly to get enthusiastic at their history and feel amazed at their phenomenal price, but only succeeded in getting bored.

The sight of Nelson's sword and uniform in the Painted Hall at Greenwich conjures up a picture of the heroism and horrors of Trafalgar, but to the man who is not a stamp collector the philatelic rarity means nothing but a stamp.

To the ordinary mind it is as impossible to enthuse about philately as it is to ignore the passion that animates the true collector.

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PRECANCEL PARAGRAPHS.

By JOHN A. SOLOMON.

Electing a new President, European wars, and other great worldly affairs seem to have little effect on precancel collecting. The general call that is being sounded for more and more precancels has proved that precancel collecting is not a false alarm but one that rings true. The past year has added many new followers and precancels have undoubtedly taken firm root. Even though the past year has probably brought out more issues than any other year, it does not seem to satisfy the enthusiastic "precancelist" especially the latter day collectors who find it a difficult problem to obtain the obsolete issues.

Although much advertising with alluring cash offers are proposed it fails to tempt the more fortunate possessor of these "rarities" to part with them.

Smudgy looking precancels have always been an eye sore for all.

Floral Park, Pa., sends out beautiful pictures of flowers, ferns, etc., with one of the ugliest appearing precancellations possible. It is my belief that could these handsome things talk they would enter a protest against such an unsightly blotch.

We will soon be looking for "Panama Exposition Precancels."

In looking over collections it is interesting to note the contrast of mounting inverted precancels. Some preferring to mount the stamp inverted to show the overprint reading normal. This is contrary to my idea. In mounting an inverted precancel, the stamp should be placed normal to give the reading the inverted effect, this I believe is the proper method.

To many people the number thirteen is looked upon as an unlucky figure, but in precancel collecting you can lay aside any such doubts. The collector who possesses a goodly number of them can consider it a lucky strike, and the skeptics will find that thirteen cent precancels are accumulated with no little effort.

Indianapolis, Ind., bears the peculiar distinction of being the only city that placed the name of the city, state and country, on a precancelled stamp. Its first issue was set up in a circle reading, Indianapolis, Ind., U. S. A.

I know of no other city lettered in this manner.

Lowell, Mass., must be admired for its consistency. Way back in 1894 Lowell issued its first precancelled stamp. Lowell is to-day still using that same type of precancellation and its issues have always been without flaw or blemish. Such a record is one that any city can point to with pride.

Until recently, Springfield, Ohio, and Springfield, Mass., and Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Niagara Falls, Ont., were the only cities of like names issuing precancels. A short time ago two other cities were admitted to this select class in Lansing, Mich., the home of the well-known railroad type and Lansing, Kansas.

The precancelist will have to step lively to keep up with the Christmas precancels between Tacoma, Washington and Gloucester, Mass.

Recently I uncovered a few specimens in purple ink that looked like "real finds" but upon closer examination I discovered that some "near clever" person had carefully marked over the original dull black ink with a purple indelible pencil.

Once again, for the good of Precancel collecting use every effort to keep our issues clean.

Brockton, Mass., has flooded the principal cities and towns in this country, as well as some cities abroad with its shoe advertisements carried by Brockton precancels, but not until recently were any but the one cent stamps used. Brockton's shoe advertising has expanded to such proportions that the use of the 2, 3, and 4 cent denominations are now required.

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120, " " (cat. \$12.50).....	4.50
121, " " (cat. \$15.00).....	6.00
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By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

CHAPTER XXVI.

The Stamps of 1870 to 1881.

That the artistic does not appeal to the average American may be said to be evidenced by the storm of disapproval which followed the advent of the postage stamps of 1869, which was continued with such force and vigor that the post office department soon felt that new postage stamps must be provided. This action was determined late in the year 1869, and designs for a new issue were prepared, and approved. The engraving and printing of these stamps were done by the National Bank Note Company, New York, and the stamps appeared in April, 1870, and quickly superseded the square stamps of the previous issue.

Although designated in the various catalogs as issues of 1870, 1871, 1873, etc., there was no marked change in the design. Only minor characteristics determine these different "issues" and for that reason I shall treat these stamps as a single issue, with remarks as to the various minor varieties and their production. This procedure will, I am sure, be more satisfactory to readers of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS than would be the case if I took up the different denominations of the 1870, the 1871, the 1873, and on to the change in designs. Besides, if I were to treat each denomination according to the catalogs the series of chapters would run on almost indefinitely, and there are many matters pertaining to the later issues which are of quite as much interest as any which have been discussed, or which are due for consideration in the near future.

I believe time and patience will be conserved by a general foreword in advance of the study of these stamps, so that only brief reference need be made to the main facts hereafter. With these few preliminaries I will discuss

in a general way the stamps which were issued between the years 1870 and 1881.

The new designs began appearing in April, 1870, the same denominations being furnished as those of the 1869 issue, namely—1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 90 cents. With the exception of the two cents the colors of each denomination were changed. The 2 cents remained brown.

The earlier printings were grided, but in a very slipshod and unsatisfactory manner; and after a short season this practice was abolished, never to be taken up again, except in the case of the Continental prints which were grided for other purposes rather than for use postally.

It probably was the practice to pass several sheets of stamps through the grille machine, as often only a few points of the grille will show, like pinpricks. This has militated against the study of the grilles themselves, as few are of sufficient distinctness to count and measure. It, too, has made the task of the expert difficult in determining the genuineness of stamps alleged to be grided. There are, however, said to be distinguishing marks upon later stamps which aid the expert in his diagnosis of the case considered. The knowledge of these marks is said to be in possession of a few ultra-experts—and it is averred by some who claim to know that this knowledge is jealously guarded. I am inclined to agree with this statement, because of my own study and observation I know that some of the stamps are marked to show the year of printing, and as this is the case it is not at all improbable that all stamps are so marked, a different minute insertion into the design showing to the expert eye facts which the average collector knows nothing about.

After the designs and denominations had been adopted the letter rate to Germany was changed to seven cents and

UNITED STATES

1902, 15c olive green, mint.....	.20
1902, 50c orange, ".....	.75
1895, 60c orange, ".....	1.00
\$1.00 Conveyance, Imp.....	.10
\$1.00 Entry of Goods Imp.....	.20
\$1.00 Foreign Exchange Imp.....	.20
\$1.00 Lease Imp.....	.60
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China Rep. 1912, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10c.....	.12	.12
Dutch Indies 46, 47, 48, 50 to 62, 54, 59.....	.49	.16
Rhodesia Nos. 62, 63.....	.35	.14
Soudan Nos. 804 to 809.....	.38	.16
German So. West Africa No. 17.....	.10	.04
German Morocco 734, 735, 746, 747.....	.14	.05
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New Zealand Nos. 132 to 138.....	.30	.06
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8d " ".....	.10
Greece 1901, 1 drachme, used.....	.07
2 " ".....	.23
Grenada, unpaid, 1d, ".....	.08
Honduras 1898, 10c blue, ".....	.04
Martinique 1888, 5 on 20, mint.....	.07

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ED. W. SMITH [51]

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a new stamp was prepared to cover this

rate. This stamp was authorized on

April 1, 1870, but it did not appear until

several months later. History is none

too clear as to when this denomination

did arrive. A well known writer places

the date at April, 1871.

The contract for printing the stamps

for The United States expired April 1,

1873, and bids were advertised for. The

Continental Bank Note Company, New

York, was the successful bidder, and

the contract passed from the hands of

the National Bank Note Company into

the hands of the other concern. Thus

we have stamps printed in the same

designs by different companies, and the

cataloguers have used this fact to desig-

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nate the work of the two concerns as different issues. I cannot figure it out in that direction, and in my own study I classify the distinctions merely as varieties, and not as issues. I may be wrong in my view, however, and am perfectly agreeable that everyone shall call them by whatever title they please.

The Continental Bank Note Company placed "secret marks" in their work so that the stamps printed by them might be determined from that of their predecessors. These "secret marks" will be treated as they come in the succeeding chapters of the study.

While this later contract was in force the Continental Bank Note Company became a part of a new concern known as the American Bank Note Company, and the contract of the Continental concern was carried out by the new concern.

In 1879 we have what is termed another "issue" with stamps printed upon "soft, porous" paper, printed by the American Bank Note Company. While the designs of the previous issues were printed upon that variety of paper at about this time, it is certain that stamps were printed before 1879 on the same "soft, porous" paper. This we know without opportunity to dispute the statement, for the reason that stamps printed upon this identical paper exist cancelled with the year date, showing that they were used as early as 1878.

This is not hearsay, for I have a 2 cent vermilion showing the "78" very distinctly. A St. Louis collector also has a very nice cancellation of the same stamp in his collection.

During the life of this contract a number of "safety patents" were experimented with, but unsuccessfully. Among these may be noted the double papers upon which possibly every denomination was printed; chemical paper designed to change its color when cancelled or cleaned; "cog-wheel" cuts upon the face of the stamp; horizontal slashes cutting the thin upper paper, etc. These, too, will be treated as varieties in their proper place later on.

The special printings of 1875 can hardly be termed reprints. There is no doubt but the stamps were printed upon the same paper as were the other special printings, or reprints, as I have termed them, but there was no especial reason for this. The stamps of this design were current at the time, and one only had to secure the stamps in use to round out the issues for a complete collection. These so-called special printings exist, however, and perhaps that name is as good as any other. They can be identified by the color—the work being more like finished proofs than the regular stamps. The paper, texture and color is the same as the other special printings. The price, too, is very distinctive.

With these few forewords upon the issue covering these years up to the next change in design, I will leave the actual study of the stamps for the next few chapters.

(To be continued.)

PRINTS 12 MILES OF STAMPS AN HOUR.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Millions of dollars will be saved the government by the use of a newly devised stamp-printing machine. The apparatus is scheduled to turn out a mile of postage stamps every five minutes. It was designed by Benjamin R. Stickney. There will be a saving of 57 per cent. in the production cost of stamps.

This new machine, which prints, gums, dries, perforates, and either cuts into sheets or winds into coils 12,000 stamps in one minute will save the government several million dollars in the cost of stamps alone in the course of a few years. The bureau of engraving and printing now turns out 40,000,000 stamps daily, but with the use of the new machine and because of the increased demand it will be able to manufacture many more millions a day.

Previously it has been necessary to wet stamp paper to get an impression from the engraved ink-covered plate, but Mr. Stickney has made it possible to do away with the hand-wetting process and to substitute dry printing. Mr. Stickney's invention will revolutionize plate printing, which heretofore has involved much manual labor and time. Now stamps can be printed perfectly from a roll of paper at high speed.

J. E. Ralph, director of the bureau, foreseeing heavy business after the passage of the postal savings and parcel post acts, directed Mr. Stickney to plan if possible, a machine method for producing the vast number of stamps required. This machine is considered a remarkable invention because many countries have tried unsuccessfully to get such an apparatus.

It is believed that with the saving in cost of stamp production and some possible economies by further machine development, penny postage may follow in time.

AEROPLANE CANCELLATIONS.

By ARTHUR T. BROWNE, B. P. S. No. 543.

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1890	2c (220b and c).....	.15
1890	90c orange new o. g.....	1.25
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1894	1c to 50c used.....	.60
1894	\$1 black used.....	.75
1895	1c to \$1 used (13).....	.75
1898	1c to 15c used (7).....	.10

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1890	90c pairs.....	.75
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1894	15c pairs.....	.20
1895	6c pairs.....	.05
1895	6c strips of 3.....	.08
1895	8c pairs.....	.03
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EDITORIAL

Things of Beauty—The Pacific-Panama stamps and the parcel post set are impressive contributions to the stamp issues of the United States. Promptly on January 1st, 1913, both sets, with possibly a few exceptions, were available at many offices; and collectors lost no time in feasting their eyes on the new stamps. The parcel post due stamps with their simplicity and uniformity of design make an excellent foil for the general issue and the philatelic world has been enjoying a seven days' wonder in the contemplation of the contents of the veritable philatelic cornucopia.

A Big Hit—The newspapers have been full of accounts of the scenes and incidents attending the baptism of the parcel post. From all over the country come reports of the popularity of the innovation and it is told, here, how the amount in stamps sold to a single customer was limited pending the receipt of a new supply and there, how certain values soon were exhausted. The parcel post stamps mark an epoch in American history as well as philately; and their designs and workmanship are strong and vital. The stamps are worthy of all praise on the score of appropriate selection of subjects and mechanical creation. The Pacific-Panama issue has not received the same degree of attention from the press as the parcel post set but they stand on a substantial base of merit and philatelists will recognize the newcomers with much satisfaction. The beauty of the five-cent is remarked by all and if any weakness is to be noticed it is in the ten-cent which has not the advantage of presentation in a color that emphasizes a wealth of detail. All the new stamps will afford themes for many a philatelic comment or sermon.

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The Song of Sinpod—Sinpod, the stamp sage, says that he has uncovered a collector who does not want to know the market value of the albino envelope that he has found. An auctioneer whose description of the stamps in his sale does not do them full justice: A collector who has not a tale of how he nearly found a lot of valuable stamps and a collector who does not think that he could pick up some "snaps" on the Paris stamp bourse, if he ever went to that city.

Real Stamp News—For some time past, the Annual Report of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1912, a pamphlet of twenty-six pages and cover, has been awaiting attention. The report submits information of a kind always acceptable to philatelists; and the statistical tables fairly bristle with figures that will be appreciated best by stamp collectors. The appendix following Director Ralph's concise report details the operations of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the year, fiscally, and among the statements are those showing the internal revenue stamps, customs stamps, United States postage stamps, Philippine postage stamps and postal savings stamps, respectively, delivered during the fiscal year 1912. In addition, there are summaries listing the number of "specimen" postage stamps delivered to the Third Assistant Postmaster General for the official collection of the Post Office Department; the number of specimen postage stamps delivered for the use of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union at Berne and four sheets of the one-cent, series of 1908, or four hundred stamps, marked specimen for use as exhibit in a trial case. Four hundred stamps of the series of 1911, one, two, eight, ten, fifteen, fifty cents and one dollar and ten cent registry stamps, respectively, were surcharged for Postal Union exhibits. The declining demand for the dollar values is indicated by the figures that 9,000 of the one dollar; 1,238 of the two dollar and 1,608 of the five dollar stamps were delivered.

Inviting Trouble—An ingenious reader has turned out the following question which we throw upon the tender mercies of our readers, merely stopping to remark casually that in our opinion, the "eithers" have the better of the "neithers." "In the course of an open discussion after a debate of the Philadelphia Stamp Club last evening, I offered a suggestion that came to my mind in connection with the subject. The point was this,—that such stamps of Great Britain and colonies as are labelled 'Postage and Revenue' are neither postage nor revenue stamps in unused condition; they are potentially postage or revenue, the use to which they are put as determined by the cancellation, alone classifying them as postage or revenue stamps. Be it understood that I am far from the point of slighting British colonials, used or unused, as postage stamps but I offer this point of distinction as the nucleus of discussion on the subject."

Asking Anxiously—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who delighted to make a joke on the name Heligoland? Is he playing a friendly game somewhere with the o. f. c. who says that Lallier's was the best stamp album ever published? What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who says that since the condition cranks have got the upper hand, the stamp business has been on the decline? Is he sky-larking somewhere with the o. f. d. who unwittingly included a few genuine stamps in the frame of counterfeits that hangs on the wall?

Testimony—Mr. W. L. Kinkead, Patterson, New Jersey, gives us pleasure by saying: "I, too, am an old-fashioned collector in that I keep a record of my stamps that are placed on each page of my albums. I go further than this and check my collection in the Scott catalogue each year and then secure the catalogue value of each country. I use blank albums for mounting my stamps but do not divide my stamps into centuries, finding it more convenient to keep each country together. At present my collection is contained in seven Krassa albums; Volume I, U. S. Adhesives Cut Envelopes and Revenues, 2426, value \$2057.60. Volumes II and III, Great Britain and Colonies, 5152, value \$2782.10. Volume IV, Mexico, Central and South America, 3687, value \$1,008.53. Volumes V and VI, Europe and Colonies, 6399, value \$1590.67. Volume VII, U. S. Colonies and balance of world, 2536, value \$918.60. Total number, 20,200; value \$8257.50. In each of the volumes the order is alphabetical, although to a certain extent geographical as the heading for volume IV indicates. I also keep up with my additions by placing a sheet in each volume on which all additions are noted as made so that I know the totals at once. I am also o. f. c. enough to mark on each sticker holding stamp, date of receipt, from whom or how acquired and cost. This adds to the story and acts as a check against counterfeits."

Break—Mr. C. T. Rogers, Chicago, shows a copy of the 1899, Porto Rico surcharge on the two-cent United States on which the top of the second "o" of Porto is broken off as clean as a whistle making the word, "Portu."

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

The Postage Stamps of Holland, XIX Century, by Joseph B. Leavy has been published by P. McGraw Mann of Philadelphia. The contents of this pamphlet of fifty pages appeared originally in the columns of the *Philadelphia Stamp News* and the merits of Mr. Leavy's study become the more apparent when it is permitted that the treatise in its completeness be examined at leisure. Mr. Leavy's book is a valuable contribution on the subject of the stamps of Holland and it is a fitting addition to the other somewhat numerous works on the stamps of a very popular country. The illustrations of the retouches in the first issue are very helpful; in fact, so exactly are the details of the first issue pre-

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—H. Clark Jarrett of Carnegie, Pa., submits two Pittsburgh "1913" cancellations. The first one bears the marking "Dec. 5 6:30 P. M." and the other "Dec. 6 6:30 P. M." showing that the 1913 cancellation was continued during a period of more than twenty-four hours. Mr. Jarrett remarks that the cancellation on Dec. 4 and 7 were O. K.

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—Wolsieffer's sale of January 25th contains something for almost everyone a fact that is well attested to by an examination of the catalogue. The next booking of Mr. Wolsieffer is the sale of the collection of Dr. W. I. Mitchell of Wichita, Kansas, to be followed by that of W. R. Patterson, once Vice-President of the Chicago Philatelic Society; his 20,000 variety collection contains many a desirable item.

—The managing editor is indebted to W. L. Aldrich and Silas Weatherby & Co. for first specimens of the Panama stamps. They were purchased January 1. From H. R. Lloyd and Alvah G. Clark clippings are received showing

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—"A correspondent in Jamaica has just informed me that the four pence, Queen's Head, red on yellow paper, is likely to become just as scarce as its predecessor, the 4 pence black on yellow paper, and possibly scarcer. It was in use only about a year, and was superseded early in December by the 4 pence, King George's Head. Strange how many of the 4 pence values of British Colonials have become rare! First there was the 4d Cayman Islands, King Edward; then Natal, King Edward Single C. A.; then Jamaica, Queen's Head, black on yellow and now the above mentioned stamp."—BENEDICT PRIETH.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Edgar Anthony, A. W. Blackman (2), J. Russell Hickey, E. S. Bissinger, H. Clark Jarrett (5), Alvah G. Clark, H. R. Lloyd, T. C. Mann.

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Greece 1875, 30l brown (Scott \$15.00) perfect mint	9.00
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10 cent invert, only one sheet ever found. I have them all. Over 70 have been placed. Price on application.	
Dominica 1907, 6d CAC	2.20
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"Congo" 1902, 5 on 30 used, fine	3.20
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Grenada 1902, 2sh CA	1.40
Iceland 25a black surcharge, unused, great rarity	27.50
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Jamaica 1910, 4d black on yellow	1.25
Kiauchow 1906, wmk. 1/2 to 2 1/2	3.65
Kedah 1911, set to 50c	1.35
Liberia 1906, \$1.00, 2.00, 5.00	9.80
Macau 12a 1903, scarce	1.40
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6d CA	.80
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Request GAMMANS' STAMP NOTES, 61 Nassau St., N. Y. C. [tf]

4c U. S. 11 Varieties 7c. Illustrated Album, 100 Var. stamps, 250 hinges, 5c. A. M. WRIGHT, 37 Norton St., Dorchester, Mass. [tf]

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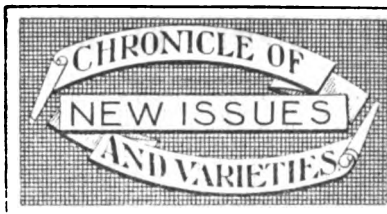
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding pre-cancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

UNITED STATES.—K. P. Smith has shown us a current 2c envelope, die A, watermarked "U S S E—1911" but with the old knife. We have not previously listed this variety.

Harvey E. Nichols writes as follows regarding minor varieties of the 1c Parcel Post Due stamps: "I have examined a sheet plate number 6227, of the 1c Parcel Post Due stamps and find

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Austria Jub. 15 var. cat. 38c, .08
U. S. & For'n on approval, 50 & 60%. Send reference.

STAR STAMP CO., 1589 Electric Ave., Lackawanna, N. Y. [51]

Panama No. 181, 1c; No. 182, 3c; No. 183, 20c. "U 2" approvals at 1/2 cat. and net are guaranteed to suit you too. MRS. L. W. KELLOGG, West Hartford, Conn. [51]

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Nos. 186-195, .50
1000 mixed stamps (fine), .25
G. CANNON, Spartanburg, S. C. [51]

Big Auction Sale Jan. 25, send for cat. GAMMANS', 61 Nassau St., N. Y. C. [51]

We buy stamps—We sell stamps. Consignments desirable stamps solicited for cash or exchange. WRAY STAMP CO., Box 191, Grand Rapids, Mich. [tf]

Who can use a set of 8 current Mexico 1c to 20c, Scott's Nos 310 to 317? All fine copies. 12c p. p. THE ROBT. MILLARD CO., 325 W. Ferry Ave., Detroit. [tf]

A live house organ, GAMMANS' STAMP NOTES, 61 Nassau St., N. Y. C. [tf]

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Want to buy U. S. precancels. Send on approval to Dr. W. I. MITCHELL, 603 Beacon Bldg., Wichita, Kansas. [50]

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BRUNSWICK 3sg, No. 18.
See lot 240 of Wolsieffer's 124th sale, Jan. 25th.

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20 all diff. Argentine Republic .08
1c Postal Savings, 1 straight edge .08
\$1.00 cat. value good M. & M. .28
GEORGE W. LINN CO., Columbus, Ohio

BOLIVAR ERROR 20c No. 21a, is lot 182 of Wolsieffer's 124th sale, Jan. 25th.

that there are small round spots of white near the bases of the small numerals, somewhat similar to those previously reported on the Postal Savings stamps. No less than 20 of the 45 stamps on the sheet have one or more of these colorless spots, most frequently on the left numeral."

Part of the Panama Exhibition stamps were placed on sale on the New Year's day, but the supply appears to be limited and no 2c stamps have yet been reported from any office. These stamps have been so often described as to need no further attention in this direction. The criticism of Mr. Krause, given below, will be echoed by Philatelists generally, though the design or the frame is the same for all values. The color in which the 10c is printed does not bring out the engraving, the 1c and 5c being much more satisfactory. In size, the new stamps measure the same as the Jamestown stamps and the Alaska-Yukon issue.

Maxwell Krause writes: "The new parcel post stamps and Dues come in panes of 45, 5x9. I looked over a good many of the stamps and found the shades very uniform for a red printing. However, I managed to find slight variations in shade of all values but the 4c—two shades of each, one showing a slightly more rosy tint than the other. Of the dues, I found two shades of the 10c, the one being considerably darker than the other. The 1c, 2c, 5c and 25c dues were uniform, in all the sheets I looked over. The postage set is in a peculiarly smeary shade of red which will, I believe, be difficult to duplicate in future printings.

"The new Panama Stamps come in panes of 70, 7x10. The 5c and 10c values are certainly not very handsome stamps, mainly due to the shades in which they are printed. The 10c is especially bad, and almost impossible to decipher. The 1c on the other hand, is very artistic, the 2c I haven't seen as yet. I found two shades of the 10c, one distinctly lemon in tone. The 1c and 5c I examined were uniform. The plates of the 1c I saw were 6127, 6128, 6131, 6132. By the way the 4c Parcel Post is miserably homely in design."

BRUNEL.—Maxwell Krause reports having seen two different shades of the 4c of 1907, Scott's No. 16, one red lilac and the other bright lavender, the centre being in black in both cases.

BULGARIA.—The Scott Coin & Stamp Co. has shown us the commemorative stamps chronicled in a couple of beautiful used sets. Bulgaria has come to the front in its stamp issues, the 1911 series and this commemorative set ranking among the finest in Europe. Possibly this indicates why the Bulgarians have also forged ahead in recent political events. A country with such beautiful stamps deserves well of the world.

J. G. PERFECT \$20 PROBATE OF WILL. See lot 108 of Wolsieffer's 124th sale, Jan. 25th.

OUR JANUARY SPECIAL.

The attention of our advertisers is called to the fact that on January 25 we shall issue a special number of this paper that will be a splendid missionary number. If you have anything to buy, sell or exchange and desire to use but a few lines, our "Small Ads Column" is the department to use. The extended patronage of this department week by week is the best evidence of its pulling powers. Have copy reach this office not later than Monday, January 20, and as much earlier as possible.

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GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 4d King George stamp, previously announced.

Adhesive.

4d black and carmine on yellow.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 2d King George stamp supplementing the list printed in No. 1143.

Adhesive.

2d gray.

NICARAGUA.—A. W. Dunning has shown us specimens of a new set of official stamps just issued for this country. The stamps have been printed by Waterlow from the same plates as the regular set Scott's A22 and 23, but all in the same color. The overprint "Official" is in heavy condensed Gothic caps the letters being spaced to make a longer line on the 35c value. Without seeing full sheets it would be impossible to say whether the stamps are printed at one impression or two.

Official Adhesives.

1c dull blue.
2c dull blue.
3c dull blue.
4c dull blue.
5c dull blue.
6c dull blue.
10c dull blue.
15c dull blue.
20c dull blue.
25c dull blue.
35c dull blue.
50c dull blue.
1p dull blue.
2p dull blue.
3p dull blue.

SIAM.—We are indebted to Philip Ward, Jr., and A. W. Dunning for specimens of the 2s of the new set just issued. Mr. Dunning is informed that the other values of the new set will probably not be put on sale for several months.

SWITZERLAND.—Frank Kocher has shown us a postmark which is unique, the cover being stamped at St. Gallen, Switzerland, on Dec. 12, 1912, at 12 o'clock, the date reading 12-XII-12-XII. The cover also has a charity stamp on the reverse, dated 1912, the legend reading "Viel Sonnenschein im neuen Jahr!" with "10 Rp" in the upper corner.

WEST AUSTRALIA.—A. C. Roessler, F. W. Reid and Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 2d yellow, watermarked crown and double lined A, surcharged with new value, "One Penny" in black near the bottom of the stamp.

Mr. Roessler confirms the statement that the 2d envelope, with the same type of stamp has been surcharged "One Penny" diagonally in blue. This provisional envelope is reported to have been on sale only at Perth, and was exceedingly scarce even there.

Provisional Adhesive.

"One Penny" on 2d yellow.

Provisional Envelope.

"One Penny" on 2d yellow; blue surcharge.

MAIL FOR SAMOA.

Office of Second Asst. P. M. Gen. Until further notice mail for the Samoan Islands will be dispatched exclusively via San Francisco.

Postmasters and other postal officials will please take due notice of the foregoing.

JOSEPH STEWART,
Second Asst. P. M. Gen.

INSURANCE OF FOURTH-CLASS MATTER (Domestic Parcel Post).

Office of Third Asst. P. M. Gen. To All Postmasters:

Special attention is directed to Section 62 of the Parcel Post Regulations effective January 1, 1913, which provides for insurance of fourth-class matter against loss in an amount equivalent to the actual value of the article, not to exceed \$50, on the payment of a fee of 10 cents in addition to the postage, both postage and fee to be prepaid by parcel-post stamps affixed to each parcel.

Attention is directed also to Section 63 of the Parcel Post Regulations which reads as follows:

"SEC. 63. In view of the provision for the insurance of fourth-class mail and the furnishing of receipts for such mail when insured, the necessity for registration is removed, and therefore fourth-class matter shall not be admitted to the registered mail."

Postmasters must be prepared to report immediately after June 30, 1913, as to the number of pieces of insured fourth-class matter mailed at their offices from January 1, 1913, to June 30, 1913, inclusive. A form will be prepared for this report and issued to each postmaster just prior to June 30, 1913, without requisition therefor.

JAMES J. BRITT,
Third Asst. P. M. Gen.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Application for membership, J. A. Norworthy, Blenheim, New Zealand, age 30, Saddler; References: The Mutual Exchange Club of New Zealand, of which the applicant is a member and our fellow member, Maitland Milliken. Proposed by Maitland Milliken.

Dues received since my last report from 34, 152, 134 and applicant, total \$3.00, which with former receipts have been forwarded to the treasurer.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.
ARGUSVILLE, N. D., Dec. 31, 1912.

KNICK-KNACKS.

Parcel Post and Pacific-Panama. Four peas in the philatelist's pod.

"Consider the stamp ideographically," says a philatelic bulgy brow. Not if we know ourselves.

You could not blame stamp collectors if they were to turn their heads to look after the new stamps if they saw them walking down the street.

Have you noticed the name of Parnassus Penflip in the newspapers as the probable appointee as postmaster general? That shows that you cannot believe what you see in the papers.

Mr. F. R. Cornwall, St. Louis, president of the American Philatelic Society sent us a New Year's draft for 365 days of prosperity. We shall go him one better and in return wish him a leap year of happiness.

The wedding announcement of Miss Edythe Parsell and Mr. Sterling L. Post is published in a newspaper down the state just in time to allow us to remark seasonably that the Parsell-Post idea is all right.

The St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society dined wisely and well on January Seventh and the New England Philatelic Association and the American Envelope Society (Consolidated) is to ditto on January 14th, 1913, at Boston.

"At a meeting of the — Philatelic Society, Mr. — was called upon for a few remarks, whereupon the meeting adjourned," runs the record of the proceedings of a stamp society. Mr. Blank must feel that this is a cruel world.

Mr. Hugh M. Clark, one of the philatelic bright lights of New York City, spent the holidays at his old home in Chicago. After partaking of the excitements of the city, he will welcome the pastoral calm of his adopted habitat, no doubt.

"Am I justified in accepting a gift of valuable stamps from a stranger who does not know their value?" asks one of the heart-to-heart philatelic writers. We do not know, old Highspot, but we shall not desert you in your hour of need; send our address to the stranger.

Our home-grown philatelic poet vows that he will make Parnassus Penflip sit up and take notice. Hear him: At its height is philatelic cheer In the sturdy cold month of Janiveer.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

(For the benefit of our advertisers as well as subscribers we shall keep all sales posted and desire early receipt of catalogs that dates may be promptly entered.)

Jan. 25.—International Stamp Co., DeGraff, O

Jan. 25.—Gamman's 6th sale. 61 Nassau St., N. Y. C.

Jan. 25.—Wolsieffer's 124th sale, property of John Arnott, Pittsburg, Pa.

Jan. 29-30.—B. L. Drew announces sale of particularly fine property, indicating record sale. Particulars later.

Feb. 7-8.—Sale of European stamps and colonies of European countries by the Phila. Stamp Co. All stamps unused.

Feb. 8.—Old Germans, triangular Capes etc. in fine sale by F. Michael and Bro.

Feb. 10.—International Stamp Co., DeGraff, O.

THE PARCEL POST STAMPS.

I am surprised that all of the twelve stamps in the new parcel post series, which will now be in use in a few days are printed in the same color, red. That is, it is the color officially termed red, but in reality carmine, the same shade of ink used in the ordinary two-cent stamp. The uniformity of color cannot fail to be confusing to both the clerks who sell the stamps and the people who are to buy and use them. In case of the ordinary stamp, it is the color that catches the eye and carries the information about the value, rather than the figures or engraving on the stamp. It is not unlikely that the scheme of having all twelve denominations of the parcel post stamps the same color will prove to be impractical in operation, whereupon there will be a re-arrangement—to the great joy of the philatelists. —Boston Herald.

20th Century, Mint

Cape of Good Hope, 1902, 1/4d-1s. 75
Elohey, A. & C. 1903, 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2c, set. 25
Hong Kong, 1903, 1-12c set. 50
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309 LOTS BRITISH COLONIES in Wolsieffer's 124th sale, Jan. 25th, at C. P. S. Club Room.

12 DIFFERENT SIDNEY VIEWS. See lots 412 to 424 in Wolsieffer's 124th sale, Jan. 25th.

6d VIRGIN ISLANDS No. 6a. See lot 547 of Wolsieffer's 124th sale, Jan. 25th.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

POSTAL FISCALS.

The status of postal fiscals is a matter which has been frequently discussed and which presents many difficulties to all classes of collectors. Some philatelists affirm that they might with advantage be omitted from the catalogues as the slight interests they possess can only appeal to an extreme specialist. While we cannot agree with this wholesale condemnation we believe that quite a large proportion of the fiscal stamps recorded in the catalogues as having postal standing have really no right to be considered postal varieties at all.

Postal-fiscals, or fiscal-postals as they are often termed, are stamps originally issued for revenue purposes, but which have been allowed to do duty as postage stamps. They fall naturally into two classes, viz:—

I.—Those regarding which official notification was made or implied to authorize their use.

II.—Those allowed to pass through the post owing to the carelessness or ignorance of postal employés, or simply postmarked by the favor of an obliging postal clerk, but which were never officially recognised.

The stamps that come under our second heading may be promptly dispatched as unworthy the attention of any serious collector. They are simply postmarked fiscals and have no more philatelic interest than a postmarked advertising sticker.

The first class—fiscals that were undoubtedly officially authorised or recognised as available for postal use—may be further sub-divided into the following groups:—

(a) Those stamps officially recognised but not really necessary, owing to the fact that proper postage stamps of corresponding denominations were available.

(b) Those stamps officially authorised, and of which there were no similar denominations in the ordinary postage series.

(c) Those fiscal stamps which were officially issued as provisional postage stamps.

While admitting that all three groups are of undoubted interest to the specialist, we contend that those which come under the description of (a) are quite unnecessary luxuries for the general collector. Take the case of the postal fiscals of Great Britain for instance. By Acts of Parliament passed in 1881 and 1882 all sorts of fiscal stamps of a not higher facial value than 2s 6d were allowed to be used for postal purposes. But, as all these values were already included in the normal postal series, and the privilege was one of which the general public took only the smallest advantage, it is obvious there was never any actual necessity for them, and their collection may be left entirely to the specialist.

The collectibility of stamps included in group (b) is a point that offers plenty of scope for argument. A glance at Scott's catalogue will show that New Zealand, Victoria, and Queensland provide appallingly lengthy lists of "revenue stamps used for postage" but the necessity of most of them is a questionable matter. Take those of New Zealand as an example. Until 1878 1s represented the face value of the most expensive postage stamp proper issued by this British colony. In that year 2s and 5s postage stamps were issued, and down to the present time no higher denomination than 5s has been deemed necessary by the authorities so far as the postage series is concerned. One

would certainly imagine that if stamps of a higher facial value than five shillings were necessary and a public convenience, they would certainly have been issued by such a progressive country as New Zealand. That being so, there can be little legitimate postal demand for the fiscal labels having a higher facial value than 5s. Even if we admit the convenience of such values as 10s and 20s such odd denominations as 4s 4d, 5s 4d, 6s 4d, 7s 6d, 9s, etc., can hardly be seriously treated as legitimate postage stamps. Personally, we think the general collector would be well advised to exclude all the stamps in this group, as well as those comprised under (a).

The stamps in group (c) are undoubtedly collectible, for they form an interesting (though small) class of unimpeachable postal provisionals. They should, more correctly, be interspersed with the ordinary postal series in the catalogues, rather than classed with the postal fiscals. As an excellent example we may point to the \$1 on \$2 stamp of Hong Kong issued in 1897 and listed under the numbers 212 and 213 in Scott. In September, 1897, the \$1 postage stamp current in Hong Kong consisted of the 96c, printed in purple on red paper, surcharged "1 DOLLAR" in black and with Chinese characters. It will be noted that the color of this stamp is identical with that of the 10c current at the same period and taking advantage of this fact the postmaster of one of the sub-offices surcharged a number of the 10c labels with "1 DOLLAR" in similar type to that appearing on the genuine stamps and relied on the similarity of color allowing his deception to escape notice. How long the fraud was perpetrated is not known but directly it was discovered all the dollar stamps were hurriedly withdrawn from circulation. Messrs. De La Rue and Co. of London, were ordered to supply some temporary \$1 stamps as quickly as possible. They selected the then current \$2 fiscal stamp, and surcharged it "ONE DOLLAR" in two lines, with a thick bar below to cancel the old value, and two short bars near the top to obliterate the numerals "2" on each side of the Crown. The Chinese overprints were added in the Colony and indicate the labels are \$1 postage stamps. These temporary stamps were in use for eight months—from September, 1897 until April, 1898—and during that period they represented a proper postage stamp, and were the only \$1 stamps available for postal use. As this stamp was never issued or intended for fiscal use it is curious that the cataloguers persist in including it among the "postal-fiscals." The only other stamp of a similar character I can call to mind at the moment is the Natal 1d revenue stamp which was overprinted "ZULULAND" and used in the latter colony as a postage stamp.

CONSERVES LIVES AS WELL AS TREES.

A Newspaper Story of Mr. Pack.

LAKEWOOD, N. J. Dec. 13.—The gardener's face was all worked up into little red welts. He was raking up the leaves on the lawn. Just as soon as one little patch was clear of leaves the wind swept swirls of them back again.

Then Mr. Chas. Lathrop Pack came along. "Say, James," he said, "if you would rake diagonally—this way—you'd have the wind with you, and I believe the job would ease up a bit."

Half an hour later James had the lawn at "The Spirit of the Pines" as clear as the smooth lake that showed through the tree trunks.

HIS GOSPEL OF LIFE.

Chas. Lathrop Pack's little passage with "James" occurred before he was officially "interviewed." But it showed that conservation with Mr. Pack is a gospel of life.

For Chas. Lathrop Pack, just elected president of the National Conservation congress, is a REAL conservationist. It was born in him.

"Have a cigaret," he asks as he starts the conversation in the old-rose library of his magnificent home at Lakewood. "These cigarets won't hurt you," he says. "I have them made especially for me. I import the tobacco myself, and then I have it chemically examined. The paper is also pure."

This is Pack's second little lesson in conservation before he has uttered a single word on the subject.

IT'S A BIG SUBJECT.

"And now," you finally say to Pack, "what are your views on conservation—conservation of trees and such things?" "Oh," laughs Pack. "That's just a little piece of conservation!"

"Don't you really guess what conservation means? Why, conservation stands for the proper use of everything and everybody in all the world, and is dead against the abuse of any of them."

"Pretty large order—that isn't it? But we're going to fill it—we of this nation. We are coming to the time when not a single one of God's gifts or God's people is going to be exploited for selfish gain."

IT MEANS A LOT.

"In the past men have not been contented with gathering in just the right harvests of resources and of people. They have been so greedy that they have stretched out for more—and have destroyed the producing agents themselves. This is what we are to correct—we of this National Congress for Conservation."

"Only the harvests of growing things must hereafter be garnered in, and only the crops—the legitimate amount of labor—must be taken from people. Inroads on the products of nature cannot be tolerated much longer!"

Even Pack's pastimes are agents of conservation with him. Take his well known fad of stamp collecting.

"I collect stamps," says Pack, "because it saves my nerves. When I am tired out with one sort of work, I turn to them. They rest me up right away."

GOT EARLY LESSON.

Pack has been interested in timber ever since he was a boy. When he and his father went to Carlsbad many years ago—while Gifford Pinchot was still in kilts—he got the municipal forester to explain the "German idea" of renewing forests. He returned to Germany later, going into the subject exhaustively. Almost as soon as he landed in America once more, the late Jay Gould gave him a tremendous fee for prescribing for his forest lands.

Pack used to live in Cleveland, where he was president of the Chamber of Commerce, before he became a citizen of New Jersey. His colonial mansion in Lakewood is set in what looks like a primeval forest of pine.—San Francisco Daily News.

FUN'S TABLOID THRILLER.

A Snake Fight To A Finish.

(I enclose a clipping. Would you be so kind as to explain why one of the followers of Philatelia should be chosen as the narrator of this heinous assault upon our credulity?—George A. Chandler, Milwaukee, Wis.)

CHAPS. I AND II.

Hist!

Something hissed.

Reader, I am a matter of fact unimaginative postage stamp collector, and nothing could have been further from my mind, that crisp moonlit eve, as I descended the steps to the rathskeller where I was accustomed to go for my frugal supper of wiener schnitzel mit kartofelsalad und ein seidel of Nurn-

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588—12 cent War used but in nice condition, lightly canceled, well centered. Cat. 30c..... .10
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burgerhofbrau, than an idea that I was to be an un subpoenaed witness to what will probably go down in unnatural history as the most terrific uncorroborated snake fight on record.

I can see it all now—in my eyes.

Happening to turn my gaze toward the corner where the sign "No credit. Watch your hat and overcoat" hangs, I suddenly noticed with a shudder that what I had supposed to be a harmless necessary steampipe was in reality the coils of a sarpiant—two sarpiants, in fact, entwined in the deadly embrace of mortal combat.

Which would win?

The blacksnake seemed to have the best fighting chance, and yet instinctively I started to put my money on the red.

But, what ho! I could not make head or tale of this snakentine mixup.

For why?

(Concluded Next Chapter.)

CHAP. III.

Each snake had the other's head in its mouth and was swallowing for all it was worth.

The reptiles were about evenly matched as to length and size. They were disappearing into one another at the rate of about half an inch per second, going slowly, because the swallowing began at the tail and thus was against the scales.

The reptilian ring they formed had now the diameter of a life preserver and was rapidly diminishing. Presently it was no bigger than a circular loaf of Italian bread. Then it dwindled to the size of a doughnut.

Then, presto! it was gone.

Those sarpiants had swallowed each other simultaneously and nothing was left save myself to tell the tale.

I showed the vacant spot on the floor to the head keller, and tried to narrate what I had seen, but he said that was too much to swallow.

But I know better, for those snakes were buoy constructors—not Ananiases, as some scientific friends of mine, who used to lend me money, have suggested.

SPAIN 50m. No. 148.

See lot 638 Wolsieffer's 124th sale, Jan. 25th.

32 LOTS VENEZUELA.

See lots 653 to 685 of Wolsieffer's 124th sale, Jan. 25th.

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See lot 118 of Wolsieffer's 124th sale, Jan. 25th.

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By H. V. BLACKBURN.

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There has been a lot said both in song and story about the "Man Behind the Gun" and during my lifetime I have made the acquaintance of other men behind, one in particular who was the envy of my boyhood days; and that one was the man behind the counter in the novelty store where the Foreign Stamps were sold. Strange, very strange it seemed to me; here was a man without a soul, or I supposed so, as he did not see any beauty in the colored bits of paper and used to call us boys fools because we spent our pocket money for stamps. This was a long time ago.

Here was a man behind who did not appreciate the position that fortune had placed him in. We boys used to write a sentence entitled: "Cast not thy pearls before swine;" this was by way of punishment, and we wrote it a certain number of times according to the gravity of the offence; and we came to the conclusion that in this case the motto was reversed, for here was a swine cast among pearls, and this man who despised the triangular Capes and the early issues of Europe was so unfortunate as to get sent to prison for stealing twelve penny stamps (the irony of fate) and thus lost his position in society. The last time I saw him, was about 14 years ago; he was a sandwich man for a theatre in Liverpool, England.

I have come across other men behind the stamp dealer's counter almost without souls. There is one not a thousand miles away from Niagara Falls who does not possess a single stamp of his own, but he knows Scott's Catalog from A to Z.

There is another man behind that I know very well. I see him every day, his name is legion, he is a nuisance to himself and everybody around him. I refer to the man behind the times. The collector who does not subscribe to—well not to put too fine a point on it—the WEEKLY, that is the man behind the door, without doubt and the wonder is that he exists at all because he has no knowledge of the day's doings in the Philatelic World; he simply lives in the past. The questions he asks are

enough to distract the average man and when you answer him, it is doubtful if he believes you, owing to the many changes which are taking place almost hourly in the world of stamps.

I came across a man not long ago, who did not see the necessity of subscribing to a stamp paper; I could not convince him that a stamp paper was necessary to a philatelist. However, I saw that a sample copy of the WEEKLY got into his hands. It happened that he had some loose change at the time and he saw two or three ads that looked very tempting, he answered them, and the result was that he figured out that he had spent about \$9.00 in stamps and had saved more on the deal than the amount of the yearly subscription; it is needless to state he became a subscriber, and nobody is louder in his praise of the stamp paper than himself. He changed from the man behind the time to the man behind the information, and he knows which is the best.

In my capacity as a secretary of a philatelic society, I was once asked by what I considered a fairly intelligent man, "If stamp collecting was a remunerative hobby." My answer was, that it depended entirely how he went about it. I gave him all the pointers I knew that would help him, but the main pivot on which success was assured I pointed out was to keep posted, be up to date, and to do that was to subscribe to a good sound stamp journal. Sometimes I find my interest in stamps getting lukewarm, but my interest in the WEEKLY never varies. I am impatient until I get the current copy in my hand and I become master of its contents; and presently some article or even a sentence appears which arouses my interest and once more my collection is resurrected from its corner, and for a while I am again an enthusiast with regard to surcharges, perforations, shades, etc.

A few weeks ago I was in the company of some members of a philatelic society, who were entire strangers to me, but in the course of conversation I found out that those who were the most enlightened in "stampology" were those who subscribed regularly to

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stamp journals. In conclusion I would advise all stamp lovers to subscribe to a stamp journal, so that they will be posted as to changes, new issues, provisionals, yes, even precancels are given some space in the WEEKLY.

I would like to see MEKEEL'S made a welcome weekly guest in the house and home of every philatelist on the great American continent and here in Canada we don't want to do without it. I am sorry that John Bull's government won't let the paper be distributed at the same rate as it is in the U. S., but even at the dollar rate it is cheap at the price and will repay the subscriber fully a hundred fold in information only, let alone the numerous bargains which appear every week in its adv. columns. Rally round the WEEKLY, boost it, send up the circulation, so that it will not only be the premier stamp paper of the American continent, but of the whole civilized world.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Two errors occurred in the Elmer auction advertisement of Jan. 4. Lot 24 should have read "U. S. 1895 2c" instead of 22c. Lot 96 should have read "Half of two pieces" instead of half of two pence.

—H. Leonard reports W. E. Detwiler of Denver, Colo., supplementing information already given in these columns. Formerly at Leavenworth, Kans., his Denver address was 1727 Grant St.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Hugo Kuenster (3), Edgar S. Bissinger (2), Herman W. Boers (3), O. D. Challans, H. B. Phillips, G. M. Schaefer (2), Maxwell Krause, Arthur Russell, H. S. Williams (6).

—H. B. Phillips sends us a clipping from the San Fran. *Municipal Record* describing a feature of the Panama Pacific Exposition. There is to be a "Forty Nine Camp" concession and we find the following item in relation to the same:—

"On the right side of the main entrance will be reproduced a log cabin postoffice after the style of those in vogue in '49. Here will be established the camp terminus of the Pony Express Route, which will be operated between the Camp and Sacramento. Postal cards, letters, souvenir packages and other mail matters will be forwarded via the Pony Express from this terminus to Sacramento."

—Illustrations of the parcel post stamps are being published in numerous papers. A Philadelphia paper inserted under its cut the following:—"Illustrated by permission of the P. O. Department." A letter to the Department asking that a similar courtesy should be extended our publication met with the following reply from the Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General:—

"In answer to your letter of January 2d, which the Postmaster General has referred to me, you are informed that the reproduction of postage stamps other than by Government agencies is held to be in violation of law, and can not be sanctioned by this Office. The reproduction of parcel-post stamps by a newspaper, to which you invite attention, will receive proper attention."

—W. F. Reid writes A. C. Roessler that the "One penny" on 2d Western Australia is sold out.

—Joseph Demers advises us of the death of Fred Doughty, Saginaw, Mich. Mr. Demers writes that he was one of the leading members in the Saginaw Stamp Club and was greatly respected by his friends and associates. Mr. Doughty was 51 years old and one of the veteran mail carriers of the city. For many years he has been a subscriber to the WEEKLY and many dealers and collectors will be pained in reading this item of news. He died Thurs., Jan. 9, of pneumonia at the Saginaw General Hospital.

—A clipping from a London paper presents us with a picture of the throng that crowded Station No. 12, Berlin, at 12 o'clock, Dec. 12, 1912, drawn thither by the desire to despatch mail to friends which should bear the five "12s" made possible by the unusual combination of station, date and hour. In a corner of the clipping is a postmark on a German stamp showing the combination referred to.

—Arthur W. Line sends us several clippings dealing with the opening of

the parcel post service at Los Angeles, Cal. So great was the demand for the new set that the postmaster, Wm. H. Harrison, placed a ban on selling the new stamps to collectors for a period of fifteen days.

—M. Ohlmann desires to warn dealers of E. Bruce Campbell, 108 Capitol Av., Pierre, S. D. Mr. Ohlmann furnishes documentary evidence.

—The Burtis Stamp Co. of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., renewing their subscription, submits a specimen of a very useful pocket "Duplicate Stock Book." The firm makes a specialty of these stock books in different sizes.

—B. Douglas Goode advises us that an official communication from Washington states that the 2c Panama stamp will be issued "some time during the month of January." The 1, 5 and 10c of this set are reported from all quarters.

—"Dec. 28th issue had hardly had time to get in mail when I had letter from stamp house saying they would take entire stock I could furnish of the 1c Omaha with plate Nos. Pretty good work I think."—L. J. MOULTON.

—"I called at the window of the local postoffice the other day to get a drop letter that had been mailed with a one-cent stamp and consequently had one cent due. The clerk took my penny, stuck on an ordinary one-center, and then cancelled it with the registered etter stamp. That seems to be a mixture sure enough."—V. E. MCVICKER.

COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

BEAVER DAM, WIS., Dec. 30.

TO THE EDITOR:—

The need for some system of abbreviations is now being demonstrated by the appearance of two new United States issues, The Panama Pacific Exposition, and the Parcels Post.

I would like to suggest a few simple abbreviations which will, if adopted, "make life easier" for some people.

- p. p. part perforated.
- pr. p. private perforation.
- m. p. machine perforation.
- P. P. Parcels Post.
- P. P. E. Panama-Pacific Exposition.

A rather unusual oddity came to light at the post office in this city, recently. A sheet of the 2c 1912 was in some manner torn or injured between the time of printing and of gumming. Some worthy Bureau employe, being of an economical mind, pasted a piece of transparent paper over the tear, after which the sheet was gummed and perforated as usual.

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Prohibition philatelists are to petition that all the clarets be removed from the catalogues, if a rumor is to be believed.

A newspaper says that an office-boy after licking several thousand stamps went mad. His delusion must be that he is the Great White Hope.

"Hubby stays home on Saturday nights since he began to collect stamps and now I agree that philately is a grand moral agent," writes "One Who Knows."

"Pink, the color of joy, loans its haze to the stamps in my album," gurgles one of those palpitating writers. Now we know why he thinks that he has the 1861 three-cent pink.

"I have become closely attached to some of my stamps," writes a philatelic autobiographer. He should know better than to attempt to handle original gum specimens with sweaty fingers.

On some of those ten-cent Panama-Pacific stamps the legend is barely to be read and in truth they present a puzzle picture that almost defies solution. It is something to discover the Discovery.

"As I wended my way homeward with reluctant steps from the stamp meeting, I saw troops of elephants, tigers in their jungle lairs, hippos laving themselves in tropical streams, the antic zebras, the stately giraffes, the—" That is right, old Dingdong, blame it on the stamps.

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THE TWO CENT STAMP.

Potatoes rise till the price gives pain. White sugar costs like the dickens now. We yearn for steak, and we yearn in vain. And milk—ah, plutocrat with a cow! But let us cheer for one bright spot That gleams the while like a signal lamp. There's one thing yet that the trusts have not—
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Hurrah for the good old, fine old two That will stick to its job for me and you And in spite of drought or of rain or snow Costs what it did just a year ago! The two cent stamp—give it glad acclaim. For the price is always just the same.

They raise our rent, and they raise each tax. They make us pay a lot more for shoes. The shirts and things that go on our backs Now cost so much they give us the blues. But this old friend is the one best bet. We buy it and have no spender's cramp. The rest increase; it's the same price yet.

Hurrah for the good old two cent stamp!

Hurrah for the fine old, good old two That we buy today as we used to do! It's the only thing in our native land That has not gone up fit to beat the band. So cheer, boys, cheer! Let us roar and ramp—
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We make two additions to our record. Mr. Geo. L. Gilmore is an honored member of our Volume I, Number 1 corps of veterans; and our sterling friend, Mr. G. de Lachasse has written us a cordial letter in which he tells briefly of his long affiliation with philately and his record of a subscriber to the WEEKLY from the first number. We gladly make prominent place for Mr. de Lachasse's name on our roster.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

(For the benefit of our advertisers as well as subscribers we shall keep all sales posted and desire early receipt of catalogs that dates may be promptly entered.)

Jan. 18.—Eugene Klein sells the 19th Century collection of Eugene Telfer at 1519 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa.

Jan. 25.—Good general collection, 866 lots, will be sold by the Hussman Stamp Co.

Jan. 25.—International Stamp Co., DeGraff, O.

Jan. 25.—Gamman's 6th sale. 61 Nassau St., N. Y. C.

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Feb. 7-8.—Sale of European stamps and colonies of European countries by the Phila. Stamp Co. All stamps unused.

Feb. 8.—Old Germans, triangular Capes etc. in fine sale by F. Michael and Bro.

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EDITORIAL

Getting Acquainted With Them—The parcel post stamps still are the talk of the town, while by the big outside world they are not wholly ignored. The newspaper clippings on the subject of the parcel post, of a verity, are too numerous to mention and a single issue of the WEEKLY containing nothing but comment of the kind would make no impression on the aggregate sum of the publicity. Among the departmental orders attention is directed to the one informing postmasters that pending the receipt of return-receipt cards for use "in connection with insured parcels," the registry return-receipt card should be employed, with the word "Insured" stamped or written on the signature side of the card. An emergency order, dated January 8th, 1913, allows the use of either ordinary stamps or parcel post stamps on parcels addressed to foreign countries. This matter cannot be insured although it may be registered, as heretofore.

Red Cross Labels—The London newspapers have been describing labels that have been issued by the Red Cross and the proceeds of the sale of the stamps will be applied to the prosecution of relief work in the Balkans. The "design of the stamps is reproduced from a drawing by Mr. Bernard Partridge, and represents a wounded soldier tended by a figure symbolical of mercy and comfort, while a Red Cross detachment can be seen in the distance bringing help." The stamps are in three colors, green, blue and brown, respectively; the green has a value of one penny, the blue of two shillings and the brown, of five shillings. In this connection, occasion is taken to say that a correspondent describes a farthing yellow label, with King Edward National Memorial, across the top, "view in center," postally used, but of no postal validity, we need not say, that is not recalled; and any information as to the use of this label would be welcomed.

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EUGENE KLEIN, Inc., Empire Bldg., 13th & Walnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

A Loss—Mr. Fred Doughty of Saginaw, Michigan, whose affiliation with philately has continued since the year 1872, passed away at his home on January 10th, 1913. Mr. Doughty's death, the result of pneumonia, was a sudden one and many a regret will be expressed by those who became acquainted with Mr. Doughty personally or by correspondence during his long and honorable philatelic career. Mr. Doughty was connected with the postal service and was a leader in the philatelic councils of his city and his great interest in philatelic literature is well remembered. He was a subscriber to the WEEKLY from the first number; and sadly, we include his name between the "turned rules" of our Roll of Honor.

On With the Chase—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who sold his collection each year at the approach of summer only to resume operations again when school "opened"? Is he in solemn session somewhere with the o. f. c. who liked to be sick so that his father would bring him home stamps from the dealer's down-town? What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who listed Straits Settlements as Singapore in his old price-lists? Is he seated behind the stove somewhere with the o. f. d. who delighted in calling the first issue of Brazil, the "bull's-eye" stamps?

Sinpod's Sayings—Sinpod the stamp sage says that he has tabbed a collector who would not take advantage of a dealer's mistake in pricing type I of the one-cent of the 1851 issue as the common type II: A collector who never made the remark while buying stamps that such-and-such a specimen would complete his set: A philatelic writer who never told his readers to study their stamps and a buyer who was never disappointed in the contents of a stamp packet.

Small Investment Required—Mr. Donald H. Graham in a letter commenting upon the possibility of making a collection at the outlay of a comparatively small amount of money shows that he developed a new field of enterprise in stamp hunting. He says: "I was a census enumerator in 1910 in a section of Oregon that was settled to some extent during the mining rush of the early sixties and while in service, I collected many entire envelopes of the early ten-cent denominations and many fine pairs and strips on covers of the 1861 to 1870 issues. Also, I had revenue stamps given me which catalogued over one hundred dollars and so it is seen that I have been fortunate in obtaining good stamps for purposes of exchange." Mr. Graham's collection has a catalogue value of \$635. His unused stamps cost \$37; his album, accessories and stamp papers, \$25, and dealers were enriched by Mr. Graham's patronage to the extent of eight dollars. There is an offset of \$15 against this \$70, making the cost of the collection \$55. Our correspondent scarcely could qualify as the Dealers' Delight.

Prize Awarded—No longer dare we defer the announcement of the prize winner of the great moral contest broached in the issue, editorially, of December 7th, 1912. The editor anticipated a ripple but was unprepared for the engulfing wave of interest that followed the notice; and not caring to assume the responsibility alone of making the award, he called in for conference several grave and reverend seigniors who exuded intellect. After a solemn conference, the court of last resort ruled that the solution submitted by Mr. D. F. Lybarger, Harrisburg, Pa., was entitled to the capital, even if only, prize of a one-dollar bill in mint condition. We repeat the philatelic problem of conduct that gave rise to all the excitement: "An impressionable young man calling for the first time upon a fetching young lady mentioned casually that he was a stamp-collector, whereat sweet Eglantine said that dear papah also was a collector. She called pater, who produced his album into the parlor; and in a burst of good nature, the young man got out his little duplicate book, which contained, among other stamps, a superb ninety-cent, 1869 that he had bought that very day for his own collection. Papah's face beamed and his prehensible fingers pounced upon the ninety-cent; and taking it, he said that the young man was welcome to have one of his duplicates, all common continentals, in return. What should the young man do? Smile or snort?" Old Trusty spoke again and another red-skin bit the dust. A mint one-dollar bill will be given for what the editor considers the best answer to the foregoing problem, in forty or fewer words, sent in by December 28th.—Parnassus Penflip barred from competition.

Mr. Lybarger's solution: "*Juvenis non iratum est, sed ridet*. The absurdity of the proposition takes him unawares; the very thought of exchanging a ninety-cent, 1869 for a common continental makes a chill run up his back. *Juvenis* desires to call again—the deed is done."

Philatelic Problem of Conduct—A certain eccentric and wealthy customer easily the dealer's best meal-ticket, according to the vernacular of the street, returned a defective stamp that he said that he had bought of the dealer the day before. The dealer knew absolutely that he had never had the stamp in stock, aside from having sold it, but he was sure that if he refused to replace the poor stamp with a good copy, the thin-skinned Croesus would transfer his trade and moreover circulate unpleasant tales about him. What should the dealer do? Make the exchange or hold steadfast? (No, unkind reader, the question is not: What will the dealer do?) If I only had car-fare I know where I could get a job.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8, 1913.

Until further notice either ordinary or parcel-post stamps may be accepted in payment of postage on parcels addressed to any foreign country. Such matter may be registered, as heretofore, but can not be insured.

C. B. HURREY,
Acting Third Asst. P. M. Gen.

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" '91, 1, 2, 5, 10, 14c.....	.45	.15
Dutch Indies, 50c, No. 77; 50c, No. 95.....	.35	.14
*Honduras '98, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20c.....	.59	.17
*Hayti '98-'99, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10c.....	.57	.20
Denmark, Newspaper, 1c to 1 krone.....	.48	.16
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When the Panama Canal is completed, there will be no left overs—no remainders—of Canal Zone stamps to go cheap. Uncle Sam pays 40c for every dollar's worth used. If you wait much longer, you will find some of them as scarce as the proverbial "hens' teeth." Better send for my list and fill up those vacant spaces now. Do it at once. For starters, I offer
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ADVERTISING CHAT.

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Note the Dalton Stamp Co.'s announcement on page 2, where the firm will be permanently located. This firm comes well recommended and will we trust get a goodly share of business.

Our old friend the Ararat Stamp Co. after a vacation of some months takes permanent space again on page 5 and the firm's announcements will hereafter be a regular feature. The manager, Mr. Moztian, will be found courteous and reliable.

A new firm, the S. & H. Stamp Co., of Rome, N. Y., makes its bow. W. E. Scripture, Jr., is the manager of the Company and the references submitted are of the highest order. We take pleasure in commending the S. & H. Stamp Co. for the patronage of our subscribers.

Have you noticed the quarter page advertisements we are running nowadays? Two or three nearly every week. This week the H. S. Powell Stamp Co. and M. Ohlmann are in the charmed circle, while the special number of next week will no doubt show considerable business in this direction.

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Office of Third Asst. P. M. Gen.,

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10, 1913.

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amount of printing on them, blank

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the classification of the parcel.

JAMES J. BRITT,
Third Asst. P. M. Gen.

A NOVEL PUBLICITY PROJECT.

By ERNEST S. JAROS, Columbus, O.,
Advertising Mgr. F. & R. Lazarus & Co.

You will doubtless be interested in
knowing that one of the Christmas
features of our store has been arousing
a great deal of philatelic interest on
the part of the boys of Columbus.

We had an "Indian Village" on our
Fourth Floor—the floor that has all
children's wear, and which we call
"Kinderland". We also had a Santa
Claus there who distributed packets of
ten foreign stamps. Every boy who
asked for the stamps filled out a slip
giving his name, address, age and
school.

Over 1,500 children responded to
this—

And with this as a nucleus I am
starting what I believe is an original
idea for a retail store—a Boys' Stamp
Exchange.

At present my plans provide that this
shall be open from 2 to 5 every Satur-
day afternoon. Some member of the
Columbus Collectors' Club will be here
and will answer questions, give advice,
and generally supervise the Exchange.
For the first day a letter will be sent to
every boy who received one of the
packet of stamps during the past month,
notifying him to come and tell the other
boys about it.

A small space will be used in our
newspaper ads every Friday night tell-
ing of the features of the next Boys'
Exchange.

The boys are to come with their
duplicates—and where they may have
traded as far as possible with lads in
their neighborhood, at this central point
they can meet boys from other sections
of the city and trade some more.

Every Saturday some gift will be
given to the *bona fide* collectors.

For the first session, I have ordered
several hundred Guatemala 1c 1902—
Nicaragua 1c 1912, unused.

These of course will not be given pro-
miscuously—the boys who get them will
have to show that they are actually col-
lectors or want to become collectors.

At other times, we shall have other
premiums, perhaps a set of some cheap
stamps, perhaps a group packet—per-
haps a stamp with a good catalogue
value—perhaps a series of packets in
every tenth one of which will be a
fairly valuable stamp, a grab bag, etc.

Stamp publications will be kept on
file, Scott's Catalogue will be there for
consultation, and the whole session be
made as interesting as possible for the
boys.

In addition to this, I have arranged to
use the front part of a long case for
stamp exhibitions. It is splendidly
lighted, has glass doors, about three
feet above the floor level and about fifty
feet long—altogether ideal for this
purpose.

These will be sheets loaned by various
collectors—either boys or grown-ups—
and can be very nicely spread along the
front of this case without interfering
with the merchandise back of it. Such
exhibitions, of course, will only be made
during the hours of the Stamp Ex-
change.

One of the rules I have made is that
nothing shall be sold on the floor.

Two things might work in profitably
—various dealers might be willing to
furnish gifts for certain days, to be
given with any circular matter they
might wish handed out with same.

And stamp papers might increase
their popularity by putting the Adver-
tising Department of this concern on
their mailing list, for the Boys' Stamp
Exchange.

Of course this is an experiment, but if
it is successful, I see no reason why it
cannot be worked in other cities by
other stores—and from your point of
view it cannot fail to increase very
largely the interest of the boys in
stamps and stamp collecting—and it
would also do good service to the
store (which is, I must confess, my real
aim in this matter) by bringing boys
there regularly.

BRAND NEW FOR THIS SEASON

We have prepared a few sets of

FILLED APPROVAL BOOKS
which are of the greatest value to all first-class
dealers.

The books are highly attractive and contain
about 160 stamps each, with blank space to
insert your name and address.

There are from 6 to 8 books in each lot ranging
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No book contains duplicates. Not over 5 of
the same stamp in one set of books. All stamps
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You can give 50 per cent, 60 per cent, or even
75 per cent discount and still double your money.

FULTON STAMP CO.,
102 West 42nd St., NEW YORK

ODDMENTS.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

Wm. H. Sprague, New York City,
N. Y., shows me a minor variety in the
5c 1847. It is a strong "dot" of color
in the upper curve of the "S" at right
top of the stamp. Mr. Sprague informs
me that the variety is recognized by
the experts in Gotham.

Jac. Meyer, New Orleans, La., has
given me the pleasure of seeing a 3c
1861 cancelled "I'm Done." It is cer-
tainly a freak cancellation.

F. P. Tillotson, Craftsbury, Vt., has
sent me a 3c green, 1873 issue, in which
there is no design showing below the
value label at the bottom. On the nor-
mal type the engraving shows square
across. In the variety submitted the
design is entirely missing below the
ribbons.

While looking over several hundred
3c 1861 stamps I found one which is
on true ribbed paper, exactly like the
ribbed of the '70s. It has no appear-
ance of the laid paper variety.

I have just come into possession of a
pair of 1c blue 1870 in which the left
stamp shows a very strong grille. The
right stamp is entirely devoid of a
grille. H. W. Marsten, St. Louis, in-
forms me that he has seen a pair of
90c similarly affected. P. M. Wol-
sieber, Chicago, says he has seen the
same in the 7 and 15 cents, 1870.

A 24 cent red lilac, 1861, which shows
double printing has been seen. It is
very strong at the top, but lighter lower
down.

The writer shall recommend to the
A. P. S. committee on advanced catalog
that Scott's type III, in 1 cent unper-
forated, issue of 1851-56 be discarded,
and the variety with circle cut away,
corresponding with Type III, perfor-
ated, be declared to be the 1 cent, Scott's
No. 42, issued unperforated. Broken
circles, caused by improper rocking of
the transfer roll should be declared
varieties and not types.

PARCEL POST.

Return Receipt For Insured Parcels.

Office of Third Asst. P. M. Gen.,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27, 1912.

To The Postmaster:

A supply of return-receipt cards for
use in connection with insured parcels,
as required by paragraph 4, Section 62,
of the Parcel Post Regulations, will be
furnished each postmaster as early as
possible after January 1, 1913. Pending
their delivery, the Registry Return-Re-
ceipt Card, Form 1548, should be used,
special care being exercised in every
instance to write or stamp the word
"INSURED" on the signature side of the
card.

JAMES J. BRITT,
Third Asst. P. M. Gen.

WHY NOT COLLECT NEW ISSUES?

By BENEDICT PRIETH.

Collectors of current issues who do
not purchase stamps as soon as they are
issued, make a very grave mistake. One
can never tell just when a stamp is going
to be scarce. Who would have thought
for instance, that the King George issues
would be hard to get within a month after
their appearance? And yet, here is
Oswald Marsh's Weekly Circular, which
offers the 4d Bahamas King George, at
60c and the 6d at \$1.20, while it does not
quote the 1sh at all. Verbum sap.

U. S. A.

Full sheets of 400 stamps 1c green
1902 Imperforate (No. 300)
and 2c carmine 1903 (No. 314)

Price on Application

Single copies O. G. at 10c a piece.

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tion, horizontal pair..... .05
Same, with guide line..... .10

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By C. A. HOWES.

The above title, when encountered by the philatelist, is very apt to bring but one word to mind—trash! Yet, while there is justification in some ways for such an opinion, there is still a certain amount of respectability which will serve to keep the stamps in their proper place among the world's issues. The main complaint, as is well known, has come from the fact that the London offices of the British North Borneo Company have sold the stamps in sheets at a fraction of their face value, all neatly "cancelled to order." Thus the market has been flooded with nondescripts—"used" stamps which were never used—cancelled stamps which never franked a cover or even saw the country of their supposed origin. Such practices naturally tend to discredit any stamp issues; yet the "bar" cancellation used in London serves to distinguish the "trash" from stamps properly used on correspondence in North Borneo, which bear dated postmarks of various towns, Sandakan, the capital, being the most common.

It may be interesting to American readers to note that there was once an opportunity for Uncle Sam to have obtained possession of North Borneo. A Mr. Moses, then American Consul at Brunei, on the northwest coast, obtained from the Sultan in 1865 a large concession of territory and transferred his rights to an American trading company. This company did not succeed, however, and the concession lapsed with its failure; otherwise, there might be a different story to tell. The concession was revived, however, by a syndicate of Englishmen in 1877, who applied for a royal charter. This was granted on Nov. 1, 1881, and in May, 1882, the British North Borneo Company, was formed and has since administered the territory. The original concession has been enlarged both by further acquisitions from the Sultan of Brunei, who formerly ruled all the northwest coast, and from the Sultan of Sulu, who claimed the east coast.

Being possessed of sovereign rights, the Company could, of course, issue postage stamps, and they were not long in doing so. In May, 1883, just a year

after incorporation, a modest issue of one value, 2 cents, made its appearance, to be followed at the end of the year by four more—4c, 8c, 50c and \$1. The three low values were of one design and labelled "postage"; the two higher values were of larger size and labelled "postage and revenue." All of them had the value expressed in Chinese characters on the right side and in Malay (using Arabic script) on the left. The stamps were engraved by Messrs. Blades, East and Blades of London, the low values being printed from electrotypes and the two higher evidently litho-



graphed. The design shows the arms of the Company, accompanied by crest, supporters and motto on the two high values. The arms are: "in chief" a gold band charged with a red lion, being one of the lions from the English arms (though with coloring reversed) and therefore signifying "British"; beneath a sea-view with a Malay proa under sail, representing "North Borneo." The crest shows two arms, one of a European and one of a native, upholding the Company's flag—the red lion again on a yellow field. The supporters are two natives, one holding a *parang* or sword and the other a *talabang* or shield. The motto, PERGO ET PERAGO, means "I undertake and accomplish."

Other low values in the usual design were added to the set up to 1886, and a number of surcharges were deemed necessary; but in 1886 all the low values were altered to read "British North Borneo" at the top, to conform with the Company's name, and the word "postage" placed beneath the arms, while the two high values were similarly headed and two new values added in the large

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1905, 2 peso green, unused	1.00	.35
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1909, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50.	.41	.10
1 peso orange	.15	.05
2 peso rose	.25	.10
North Borneo		
1908, 1c-24c (set of 12 stamps)	1.26	.60
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1903, 10, 20, 25, 50, 100 toman	12.25	2.75
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1890, 13c slate and black, unused	.30	.15
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1894, 30 brown & rose, used or unused	.50	.25
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1883, 2 1/2p ultramarine, unused	.40	
4p brick red, unused	.75	
6p violet, unused	.85	
1889, 1sh brown, unused	1.50	
Gibraltar—Morocco Agencies		
1903, 50c violet single CA, unused	2.50	1.75
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1912, 05 on 15, and 05 on 25, pair	.05	
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1889, 1 1/2 on 25pf orange unused	.35	.20
1906, 10pa, 20pa, 1pia, each	.02	
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1 1/2 on 30pf	.08	
2p on 40pf lake and black	.10	
2 1/2 on 30pf purple and black	.18	
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Our Gammans advertising has made many of our subscribers acquainted with this hustling dealer located at 61 Nassau St., N. Y. City. Mr. Gammans has just opened a branch office at 207 Market St., Newark, N. J. and Leslie Davenport is in charge.

The enterprise of W. C. Phillips & Co. in using the entire back page in colors is deserving of comment. It is one of the boldest strokes of advertising that the WEEKLY has had in recent months. The firm's name is so prominent that we shall not need to call special attention to its offerings.

The Mack Stamp Co. of Detroit using a small trade space for three weeks states that twenty-five replies were received and more were to be expected.

M. E. Marchena after a lengthy stay in South America has returned to New York City where he has reopened his stamp office. His advertising will be found each week on page five. The Dalton Stamp Co., a new firm will be located on page two.

Will advertisers please note that it is a profitable use of space to give the fullest description possible of every offer. Give year, denomination, color and if possible catalog value. Make it easy to locate the stamp.

ANNUAL MEET AT WASHINGTON.

By CHAS. R. MORRIS.

The Washington Philatelic Society held its annual reunion dinner in the Banquet room of the Ebbitt House, Washington, D. C., the evening of Jan. 15th. There were several novel features in connection with it including a genuine mail delivery by a genuine paid postman of Uncle Sam, with a bag full of genuine mail, stamped and canceled and addressed to the guests at table.

It was a parcel post delivery. Each packet bore a two-cent parcel delivery stamp and a one-cent parcel delivery due stamp. Inclosed in the packet was the menu card, with souvenirs of the occasion and two cigars.

The menu provided another unusual feature for the evening's gayety. On the cover was a block of four undetached stamps bearing the portrait of the president, W. A. Johnson; the name of the organization, Washington Philatelic Society and, in the stead of a valuation, the sign \$1, as dues for membership. The uncanceled stamps were loosely fastened to the paper with hinges.

Philatelic vernacular was used in describing the edibles on the menu. Cape Cod oysters were designated as "split provisionals on original covers." The salmon steak was "watermarked 'Columbia river.'" Cigarettes were in "ribbed paper." Fancy cakes were delivered in "Variety Packets." Toasted crackers had "Straight edges" and all the cigars were "Postmarked Havana."

Howard C. Beck—denounced and discovered on the "nonsense page" of the menu as "Seebeck," responsible for excess of Central American stamp issues and one whom philatelists would delight to assassinate—presided as toastmaster.

Nearly all present responded in a few words to his call either with some good story or with philatelic reminiscences. Mr. Chas. R. Morris, who helped to prepare the fake stamps for the menu, presented the President with a set of "rare and expensive die proofs in various colors" of that stamp.

The Postmaster General was unable to be at the dinner owing to a reception at the White House. Director Ralph of the bureau of engraving and printing, who is the victim of a severe cold, sent word at the last moment of his inability to be the guest of the evening.

Those present were: H. M. Southgate, Judge E. P. Seeds, Auditor for the War Department; Cyrus Field Adams, Howard C. Beck, O. L. Ballard, C. W. Burnham, W. Hayden Collins, Burton G. Cowles, A. M. Caudell, H. F. Colman, John D. Cremer, H. F. Dunkhorst, J. H. Houston, Henry Hammelman, T. Russell Hungerford, William Allen Johnson, Charles R. Morris, Harry B. Mason, Dr. A. S. Mitchell, C. D. McCutchen, Alexander Scott, William Sahn, Francis B. Wheaton and Prof. Milton Whitney.

The officers are W. A. Johnson, president; F. B. Wheaton, vice president; J. Finney Engle, secretary; Rutherford Wysong, treasurer; T. R. Hungerford, sales superintendent, and H. C. Beck, superintendent of aucitons.

—A subscriber cannot understand our system in marking ahead renewals, so suppose we illustrate. The present Whole Number of the WEEKLY is 1152. If this number is on your wrapper your subscription has expired. Send us in 50c and we will date the subscription ahead fifty-two weeks, making the Whole Number 1204. Simple, isn't it?

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Power's Book on U. S.—The price of this book on the Stamps of the United States was originally 75c but by a special arrangement with the Stanley Gibbons Co. we are permitted to sell it at 50c, and at this price it should be in the library of every philatelist. In this work on United States stamps E. B. Power has given us a compendium of valuable information of special value to every collector who specializes in the stamps of the U. S. Varieties are illustrated and shades are described by a master hand.

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*46 " 6d green "	.40	.30
*47 " 1sh orange & "	.50	.40
*50-51 " 4d, 1d.	.06	.05
*24 Montserrat 2d brown and black	.25	.25
*28 " 3d violet & br orange	.40	.30
*27 " 6d green and violet	.70	.60
*28 " 1sh violet and green	.75	.75
*31 " 5sh scarlet and black	5.00	3.75
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*43 " 8c orange	1.00	.50
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If you are a buyer at Auction Sales you should investigate my system and request a catalog of next sale. See my ad. on this subject in another column. If your collection is for sale I can get you the most money for it in one of my sales.

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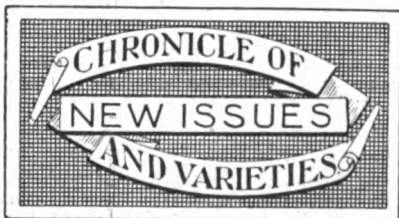
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Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding pre-cancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

CEYLON.—W. H. Peckitt sends us the new King George stamps previously noted.

CHINA.—A. C. Roessler has shown us the 2c Republic stamp chronicled in No. 1151 and F. B. Eldredge has shown us two covers from China having 1c, 2c and 5c Revolution stamps.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 4d, 2sh, 2sh 6d and 5sh values announced in No. 1149.

GOLD COAST.—W. H. Peckitt sends us the 1/2d and 6d values of the King George set.

Adhesives.

1/2d green.

6d lilac and mauve.

LIBERIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us two new provisionals from this country, or rather varieties of stamps previously issued. Scott's Nos. 112 and 319 have been issued instead of rouletted, thus constituting a distinct variety. No. 319 has the frame in black and the centre in ultramarine.

NICARAGUA.—A. W. Dunning reports having received a Nicaragua official stamp, Scott's No. 889, with surcharge inverted.

SEYCHELLES.—The 15c value of the King George series has been shown us by W. H. Peckitt.

Adhesive.

15c ultramarine.

SIAM.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us further specimens of the new stamps. All are of the same size and design as the 2s previously announced except the 1 baht, which shows a standing figure of King Wajirawudh, three-quarters length, the design being 28x38 mm., and printed in two colors. This value is a striking stamp, the only inscriptions being the name of the country and the value in two colors. The 12s is also printed in two colors, the others being all in a single color.

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PARKER, BETHLEHEM, PA.
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151 Porto Rico 1898, 60c black.

Adhesives.

6s carmine.

12s black and brown.

14s ultramarine.

28s dark brown.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the provisional "One Penny" on 2d yellow, recently announced.

AMONG OUR FOREIGN ADVERTISERS.

Geo. C. Ginn & Co., who are with us in every special number, have a quarter page advertisement this week with a lot of interesting items. This firm puts out a beginner's packet of a very superior order and of which a specialty is made. We trust our readers will get acquainted with Mr. Ginn's way of doing business.

For nearly two years the Peckitt quarter-page advertisements have compelled the readers' attention not only to great rarities offered from the firm's purchases, but also to a new issues service that is unparalleled. The managing editor can vouch for the truth of the latter statement, inasmuch as he has patronized this service for the past eight years, and has many good investments to show as a result of his patronage.

The firm of Bridger & Kay has clinched its hold upon a leading position in the London stamp trade by its purchase of the Castle collections. This was a most important purchase and an enumeration of the many good things purchased would require columns of space. The firm's monthly "Items," a house organ of more than ordinary interest, is recommended to our readers as an excellent means of access to the firm's offerings.

Griebert's Philatelic Notes and Offers is another publication which while a house organ possesses much literary merit. Mr. Griebert is one of London's long established and favorably known dealers. He hopes to have the pleasure of attending the New York Exhibition next October.

Bright and Son have made MEKEEL'S WEEKLY one of their main stays in the publicity campaign they are waging and during the entire busy season their offerings are found on the editorial page. The Bright catalogue on entire is the only work of its kind in the English language and well worth having.

Among the English auctioneers Harmer Rooke & Co. have a leading position and the terms on which they conduct their sales are very liberal. February will be a busy month for this firm according to the list of dates posted for auction sales.

M. Giwelb is not a pretentious advertiser but his stock of rarities is all out of proportion to the space taken. Mr. Giwelb is a dealer whose acquaintance may well be cultivated.

Nos.	Cat. price.	My pr.
3 Cayman Is. 1902, 1/2p green....	\$0.12	\$.06
4 Cayman Is. 1902, 1p carmine....	.18	.08
28 Cayman Is. 1908, 1sh carm.green	1.75	1.00
175 Ceylon 1903-04, 75c blue-orange	1.75	.80
76 Grenada 1906-08, 1sh green....	1.00	.60
76, 77 Uganda 1902, 1/2a green 2 1/2		
blue (2var.).....	.37	.18
1, 2, 3 So. Nigeria 1901, 1/2p, 1p, 2p	.57	.25

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5 Columbian.	6 Guatemala, 1902.
7 U.S. Postage, 1898-99.	4 Hawaiian Islands.
4 Omaha.	8 Hayti.
4 Pan American.	6 Hong Kong.
4 Louisiana Purch.	12 Hungary, 1888-88.
11 U.S. Postage, 1902-03.	18 Hungary, 1900-03.
20 U.S. Postage.	14 Hungary, 1904-07.
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8 U.S. Postage. Due.	12 India Postage.
10 U. S. Cut Square Envelopes.	12 India, On H.M.S.
6 Telegraphs.	10 India, Native Sta.
18 U. S. Revenues.	25 Italy.
7 Proprietary Revenues, 1898.	8 Italy Post. Due.
8 Documentary Revenues, 1898.	9 Jamaica.
15 Argentine.	12 Japan, 1876-82.
25 Austria.	12 Japan, 1899-1900.
6 Austria Postage Due, 1906-10.	6 Japan Revenues.
4 Baden Offic., 1905.	5 Labuan.
15 Bavaria.	10 Liberia.
3 Bechuanaland Protectorate.	10 Luxemburg.
25 Belgium.	8 Mauritius.
7 Belgium Post Pack- et, 1895-98.	15 Mexico.
12 Belgium Post Pack- et, 1902.	6 Natal.
5 Bermuda.	20 Netherlands.
5 Bolivia, 1894.	5 Netherlands, Post- age Due.
10 Bosnia.	6 Newfoundland.
8 Bosnia Post. Due.	14 New South Wales.
10 Brazil.	12 New Zealand.
4 British Honduras.	5 North Borneo.
11 Bulgaria.	18 Norway.
16 Canada.	5 Nyassa, 1901.
3 Canal Zone, 1906.	5 Orange River Col.
10 Cape of Good Hope.	4 Panama.
10 Ceylon.	10 Paraguay.
12 Chili.	10 Persia.
8 China.	10 Peru.
10 Colombian Rep.	10 Philippines.
10 Costa Rica.	10 Porto Rico.
6 Crete.	20 Portugal.
15 Cuba.	5 Prussia.
5 Curacao.	8 Prussia Official.
3 Cyprus, 19th Cen.	10 Queensland.
21 Denmark.	4 Rhodesia.
6 Denmark News, 1907.	15 Roumania.
12 Dutch Indies.	4 Roumania Postage Due.
10 Ecuador.	15 Russia.
10 Egypt Postage.	3 St. Christopher.
5 Egypt Official.	3 St. Lucia.
5 Finland.	3 Sarawak.
25 France.	5 Saxony.
6 France Post. Due.	10 Servia.
10 Unused French Colonies.	5 Siam.
25 Germany.	10 South Australia.
7 Germany, 1875-77.	25 Spain.
11 Germany, 1900.	7 Straits Settlements.
12 Germany, 1902.	5 Malay States.
4 Gibraltar, Morocco Agencies.	5 Surinam.
4 Gold Coast, Queen.	25 Sweden.
5 Gold Coast, King.	10 Sweden Official.
20 Great Britain.	18 Switzerland.
8 Gt. Britain Official.	7 Switzerland Post- age Due.

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McCANN sells cancelled stamps.

We both lose if you do not send for our fine approval selections at 66⅔% discount. 5 unused stamps free to new patrons sending 2c stamp. We offer 22 var. Porto Rico (cat. \$1.10) at 30c; 17 Mexico, 9c; 25 var. So. & Cen. Am., 10c; 500 mixed inc. China, Japan, Mexico, etc., 12c; 1000 hinges, 5c. Postage extra. WRAY STAMP CO., Box 191, Grand Rapids, Mich. [tf]

500 precancels, 75c; 100 var., 20c. On approval. Precancels, U. S., foreign stamps. Discount 60 & 70%. SHAMOKIN STAMP CO., Shamokin, Pa.

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Barbados 1912, ¼ d. Bk. of 4, o. g. .08
Cyprus 1904-11, 6 var. mint .20
Falkland Isles 1912, ¼, 1, 2, 2½, 6d and 1sh .65
Postage Extra under \$1.00. Approvals 50% disc. SILAS WEATHERBY & CO., Elyria, Ohio.

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Mint Documentary Stamps.
Complete sheet of 200, 2c, plate No. 11043, \$3.25
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100 gray & blk., 50c; same part gum .25
200 gray and blk., 50c; same with part gum, .25
¼ Proprietary, 2c; pairs, strips & blocks of same. 1c green, small I. R. 10c; 1c large I. R., .03
Pairs, strips & blocks of each, at same rate.
Comp. sheet, 2½c Hostetter Co., No. 3607, wmk. \$5
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EXHIBITION NEWS.



How many people will visit the exhibition? The figures run from fifty to one hundred thousand persons, but we think it too early to give a fair prediction, a great deal depends on the weather, torrents of rain would keep all but the most enthusiastic collectors away but the committee have selected a time, when we are likely to have nice weather in New York, the beautiful autumn days. Another matter has not yet been definitely decided, will the exhibition be kept open on Sunday? Six or seven days makes quite a difference. Then the crowd will be cut out on the opening day. Monday will be reserved for members and foreign dignitaries the crush will have to be eliminated while President Wilson is opening the exhibition. It will be a red letter day for Philately in America.

The largest donation for the week, \$250.00 was received from Mr. E. M. Taylor one of the greatest of American collectors and a gentleman who can always be relied upon to come to the front when called upon. Next week we will give a picture of the beautiful building in which the great show will be held.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 331, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

STAMPS FOR OTHER SPECIAL PURPOSES.

We have described postage due, Official, parcels post, and other stamps issued for special purposes which form fairly extensive groups in most modern catalogues, and we come to those other special labels, mostly of lesser importance, which are represented by fewer examples.

Newspaper Tax Stamps.—Austria, Hungary, and France furnish examples of newspaper tax stamps. In the case of Austria and Hungary these labels had nothing to do with postage but simply represented a fiscal tax, collected by the postal authorities, on newspapers coming from foreign countries. It is, therefore, difficult to understand on what grounds these labels are included in a postage stamp catalogue.

The French stamps, issued in December, 1868, and used for a comparatively short period afterwards, represented a combined fiscal and postal charge. There were two values, 2c and 5c. The latter was for use in the Department of the Seine and Oise, and the 2c for all the other Departments. These stamps have a better standing as postage stamps but they are varieties the general collector can very well afford to ignore.

Private Stamps.—Spain and Portugal are the only countries contributing to this group of special labels. In the case of Portugal Scott only lists a stamp for the Red Cross Society. This is inscribed "Sociedade Portuguesa da Cruz Vermelha—Porte Franco." In addition to this Gibbons lists the private stamps issued for Civilian Rifle Clubs. These are inscribed "Uniao dos Atiradores Civis" and a different color combination was used each year from 1899 to 1910. In 1910 a special stamp was issued for the use of the Geographical Society of Lisbon and in 1911 a new edition of this appeared with the Royal crown omitted. In 1904 a special private stamp was issued for the National Aid Society for Consumptives this being inscribed "Assistencia Nacional Aos Tuberculosos." All these varieties, while interesting, can very well be left to the specialist.

In Scott's catalogue, under numbers 359 and 360 we find two labels listed as official stamps of 1875-82. These two labels are private postage stamps, the former, type 03, having been issued in 1869 (not 1875) for the benefit of Senior Castell who had written a work entitled "Cartilla Postal de Espana." This work was considered of such general utility that Senior Castell was allowed to send it through the mails without charge and he had the stamps made for "franking" it though, of course, no stamps were needed at all in reality. A label of similar character is that illustrated in Scott as type 04. This stamp was allowed to be used by Senior A. F. Duro for franking a work—Resena Historico—Descriptiva de los sellos de Correo de Espana—which he had written and which was also considered of public utility. This label was issued in 1881.

War Stamps.—A curious looking label that has puzzled numbers of collectors and which turns up fairly frequently in old collections consists of a rectangular frame containing four lines of inscription as follows:—"Exercito—Em Operacoes—contra—o Paraguay." The natural inference would be to class it as a curiosity from Paraguay unless one had some slight knowledge of the Spanish language. Scott ignores these labels but Gibbons lists them on blue, green, orange, yellow and rose papers. From this source we learn that these stamps were used by Brazilian soldiers in the war with Paraguay. The stamps were printed by a stationer in Rio de Janeiro and supplied free to the troops and the

Government allowed them to frank letters to all parts of Brazil. A similar label, but with "Armada" (Navy) instead of "Exercito" (Army) at the top, was supplied to the sailors, only one variety of this is known.

Return Letter Stamps.—Gibbons lists certain labels under this heading which were used in Norway round about the period 1872. That they were stamps in the strict sense of the word seems improbable. They would appear to be labels, officially used certainly, of about the same interest as the "officially sealed" stickers used in many countries on packages accidentally broken open in the post. These particular labels are frequently met with in old collections so it's perhaps as well to describe them. They are of a particularly unpretentious appearance and consist of a frame lettered as follows:—"Som Ubesorger (or Uindlost) aabnet af Post-Departementet." The first variety, lettered "ubesorger" was used on letters which had to be returned to the senders as they could not be delivered for some reason or other. The other kind, lettered "uindlost" were used on letters which had not been called for and were returned to the senders after a certain interval. As collectible varieties the interest of these labels to the general collector is nil.

Municipal Service Stamps.—The Kingdom of Wurtemberg furnishes us with a class of labels unknown elsewhere called Municipal Service stamps. These labels are Scott's type 01 which are mixed up with the ordinary official stamps. These stamps are supplied by the Post-office to municipalities for use on their official correspondence. The 5pf stamps are for use on letters irrespective of weight, while the 10pf are for use on parcels and money orders. The inscription on the diamond-shaped band in the centre of these stamps—"Porto Pflichtige dienst sache"—means "Service matter liable to Postage."

(To be continued.)

ST. LOUIS' CELEBRATION.

A joint meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society, and the St. Louis Branch of the American Philatelic Society, was held on Tuesday evening, January 7th, at the Masonic Club, St. Louis. It was the occasion of the installation of new officers for the year, and was celebrated with a seven course banquet.

Twenty members were present and spent the evening in disposing of the good things upon the long table, and in extolling the glory of philately, and the greatness of St. Louis in the world of stamp collecting. S. M. Schoemann, president re-elected, acted as toastmaster. The seats of honor were assigned to F. R. Cornwall, president of the American Philatelic Society, upon his left, and Frank E. Goodwin, secretary-treasurer of the St. Louis Society, upon his right.

The ideal postage stamp, submitted by Fred J. Melville, was endorsed.

Several letters of regret and felicitations were read.

The speakers were Messrs. Cornwall, Diamant, Myers, Sisson, Borgman, Goodwin, and others.

The committee was made up of Messrs. Hunter, Collins and Eilers. The menu follows:

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- Watermark, a la Queen's Head
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Thirty million two-cent Panama Canal stamps for the San Francisco Exposition have been destroyed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing because some official in the third assistant Postmaster General's office didn't know the difference between the Gatun and the San Pedro Miguel locks of the big ditch.

It was discovered that the entire issue bearing an impressive picture of the Panama Canal locks, which follows closely the recent etching by the artist Joseph Pennell, was labeled "The Gatun Locks." Some veteran of the Panama excavation, who saw the stamps, pointed out that the picture was not of the Gatun locks on the Atlantic side of the Canal, but of the Pedro Miguel locks, just west of the Culebra Cut.

A quick inquiry showed the postal authorities their blunder, and rather than subject themselves to criticism and ridicule, they decided to destroy the entire issue. They thanked their lucky stars that none of the issue had left the Bureau of Engraving and Printing before the mistake was discovered.

The loss to the Government is not more than \$2,000, as the Postoffice contract with the Bureau calls for stamps at the rate of 5½ cents per thousand. The new issue will bear the inscription "Panama Canal," without any reference to the identity of the locks. The picture will not be changed.

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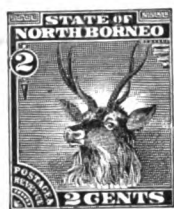


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CHAPTER XXVIII.

1 Cent, Issue of 1870-79.

There is a wonderful field for research by the specialist in the various stamps of the issue of 1870-79. A great deal of this study will come into the 1 cent stamp, and long before the student has exhausted the possibilities which lie in this stamp he will have accumulated many shades, several paper varieties, one or two plate differences and other things to make quite a respectable collection in itself. Few stamps of the United States issues are more prolific in shades, many of which are most pronounced.

The 1 cent was the third of the lot to be issued—being preceded by the 3 and 2 cents. The issue was first announced in September, 1869, but the denomination now in process of study did not put in its appearance until sometime in May.

Contrary to catalog lore, and almost universal belief, the presence of the grille upon the stamp does not necessarily mean that it was printed in 1870, nor does the absence of the grille prove that it was not printed before 1871. Truth is the stamps were issued in 1870 and in 1871, too, with and without grilles.

Proof of this is found in the case of the 7 cents stamp of this issue, which was not issued until about a year after the others were produced. But, as the grilles stamps are first in catalog number, I will consider them before taking up the so-called 1871 variety.

The shades, according to Mr. Luff, are: pale ultramarine, ultramarine, bright ultramarine, deep ultramarine and dark ultramarine.

The sizes of grilles, so far as known are:

Size.	Points.
10 x 12 1/2	13x16
10 x 12	13x15
9 x 12	12x15
9 x 11	12x14
8 1/2 x 12 1/2	11x16
8 1/2 x 11	11x14
8 1/2 x 10 1/2	11x13
8 1/2 x 9	11x11
8 x 10 1/2	10x13

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The end-roller grille exists in this denomination, but is scarce. This form of grille shows continuously from top to bottom. It was caused by the sheet feeding crookedly into the grille rollers, thereby causing the outside stamp to run under the continuous grille on the end of the roll, which served as feed. The continuous grille was supposed to show only on the margin, and this was torn off before the stamps were issued to the postmasters. I have never seen an end-roller grille which was perfectly straight upon the stamp.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 200, divided into two panes. No record is known to exist which shows the plate numbers of the grilles stamps. There are true double grilles found, and "split grilles" are not uncommon.

The stamp without grille is most common. Mr. Luff classifies the shades in the stamps as follows: Pale ultramarine ultramarine, dark ultramarine, bright ultramarine, gray blue, dull blue, chalky blue. No variety has been chronicled—which I am inclined to doubt, as I shall try to prove at the close of this series.

The 1870-71-72 varieties were printed from plates 16, 17, 50, 51, 52, 53.

During the time which elapsed between April, 1870 and April, 1873, inclusive, there were issued to the government 138,091,700 stamps.

In the latter part of 1872 the government entered into a new contract for the work of making stamps. The lowest bidders were the Continental Bank Note Co. The transfer became effective May 1, 1873. The Continental Company took over the dies, etc., and probably some of the plates belonging to the predecessors. That the old plates were not generally used by the successful bidders is shown by the fact that Plate Number 16 seems to have been the only one recorded by both concerns as having been employed.

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Mr. Luff classifies the shades printed as: Pale ultramarine, ultramarine, dark ultramarine, pale dull blue, dull blue, chalky blue, pale gray blue, gray blue, sky blue and bright blue.

Thirty plates were used, numbered as follows: 12, 13, 16, 26, 125, 126, 127, 128, 142, 143, 144, 146, 147, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 181, 182, 229, 230, 294, 295, 298, 299, 300, 301, 307, 308.

There were issued to the government by the engravers, stamps to the number of 448,290,000 from May 1, 1873 to May 1, 1876. During the fiscal year, ending May 1, 1877 the issue was 141,465,600; for 1878, 166, 734; for 1879, 180,030,400.

The grilled stamps made by the Continental Bank Note Co. were made as evidence in a patent suit, it is said, and not as an experiment, or for postal use. The grille has not the same characteristics of the other grille, being made up of a series of squares, without the cross lines through each square. The grilles measure 8x9 1/2 millimeters, and have 10x12 points.

A patented variety, of which there were 10,000 printed, was the Fletcher Cog Wheel Punch, designed to prevent cleaning. The stamps were printed upon double paper, the face of which was punched with eight "U" shaped cuts, the ends of the "U" facing in toward the center.

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On Feb. 4, 1879, a contract was entered into with the American Bank Note Co., of New York. This company had consolidated with the Continental Bank Note Co., using the former name. The old plates, used by the Continental Company were employed at first, and the stamps were printed upon a soft, porous paper.

The shades are given as being: Pale bright blue, bright blue, deep bright blue, sky blue, blue, dark blue, gray blue, dull blue, dark ultramarine. The plate of the Continental Bank Note Co., used by the American Bank Note Co. was number 301. New plates were later made with the following numbers: 319, 320, 327, 328, 336, 337, 344, 353, 354, 355, 356.

The next move on the philatelic checker-board was the issuance of the re-engraved 1 cent stamp, which will not be studied until the close of this issue.

In 1875 a "Special Printing" of this, and the entire series of stamps was ordered by the postoffice authorities. These were placed on sale on May 1, 1875, but, owing to the stamps being current and identical with those then in use there was no demand for them. These "Special Printings" were made by the Continental Bank Note Co. from their own plates, and, of course, contain the secret mark. It is difficult, indeed,

to distinguish the "Special Printing" from the regular stamp. The special was printed upon the thin, very white paper. The printing is, perhaps a bit clearer, and probably the stamp was printed from carefully cleaned plates. This stamp very closely resembles a finished proof.

The number of plate from which the special printing was made is not known. The color is designated as bright ultramarine. There were 10,000 copies of the stamp made in 1875, and in 1880 an additional 500 stamps were ordered, from the American Bank Note Company. The purpose of the latter is not known. In all there were 10,500 specially printed stamps made, and on July 16, 1884, the postoffice department reported 10,112 on hand, showing that 388 of these had been sold. This will account for the reason why copies are not usually found in 100 variety packets.

When bids for new contract were advertised for, in 1889, sample stamps were furnished to bidders, to show color requisites. These "samples" were overprinted "Sample" and "Sample A"; the color of the 1 cent was ultramarine blue.

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(To be continued.)

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We are sending you by express to-day 900 orders received since Sept. 1, and we can promise you about 300 more by Feb. 10, when we will make a second shipment.

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Our Satisfied Patrons.

Here is an extract from a letter from Chas. A. Townsend:—

"That advertisement of mine was quite a disappointment. In it I appealed to boys and it should have been answered by boys, for surely there are plenty of them among your readers. Instead, two-thirds of my sales were to grown-up collectors, with their large collections, or to U. S. specialists. Several wanted from ten to twenty-five sets, while one wanted a price on my whole stock. Direct returns paid me all right, but it overshot the mark. Had the N. E. Stamp Co., Colman, or Eaton used that same advertisement they could easily have disposed of \$200 worth of good stuff."

H. Leonard, Jacksonville, Fla., writes us:—"Although you hid my Barbados advertisement away down on the sixth page, I have already received more orders than I can fill. From my St. Lucia advertisement I received twenty-one orders. The WEEKLY looks good."

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PHILADELPHIA STAMP COMPANY,

PERCIVAL PARRISH, PRESIDENT
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Chas. J. Geyer cites several examples of U. S. stamps used in payment of postage due. These are quite common judging from the experiences of correspondents.

—Herman Boers, C. M. Breder, A. Bergbom, Jr., and others have sent us clippings giving the particulars of a long continued thievery of unused postage stamps in which New York stamp brokers are represented as having figured. We are pleased to note that no regular stamp dealers are implicated in the case. It is claimed that stamps have been purchased from boys at from ten to fifty cents upon the dollar and resold to business houses at prices ranging from ninety to ninety-nine cents.

—C. F. Richards has an article in the *Philatelic Gazette* relating to the Transvaal "remainders," the gist of which is that these remainders were made for

Mirza Hadi of Paris and the distributing dealer is H. O. Marimian of the same city. Mr. Richards feels that the above facts should be made known to collectors generally. It will be remembered that the "remainders" of the Transvaal issues of 1885, 1894-5-6 were privately reprinted, surcharged and obliterated.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Hugo Kuentler (7), Edgar S. Bissinger, J. H. Massey (2), C. M. Breder, J. E. Husson, H. S. Williams (2), Chas. H. Smith, Robert Bruce (2), Ralph Day, Herman W. Boers (3), Geo. Hoopoe, Jr., F. J. Parater, Jr. (2), Ben Delovage, F. C. Threlfall, Elbert Charman.

—"I am starting a collection of parcel post stamps only, suggested by Bertram Poole's splendid articles upon the same."

—ARTHUR W. LINE.

—We are indebted to Geo. B. Graham, Buffalo, N. Y., for an office calendar of more than ordinary merit.

—W. F. Slusser of Fishers Island, N. Y., has removed to Key West Barracks, Fla., where he may be addressed in the

"GEORGIAN" INDIAN CONVENTION STATES

From the condemned Dies! Only a very small printing has been made and the next one is likely to be on the retouched Die!

*Gwallior King George 1/4, 1/2, 2 and 3a, mint set of 5 \$0.25
Ditto set in mint blocks of 4 1.00
*Patiala King George 1/4, 1/2, 2, 3 and 6a, mint set of 650
Ditto set in mint blocks of 4 2.00

Novelties and Special Bargains

Barbados 1905, Nelson 1/4d, 1/2d, 2 1/2d17
*Bochuanaland Protectorate Geo., 1d03
Belgium 1851, 10, 20 & 40c wmk L L framed 1.00
1851, 40c wmk L L without frame25
*Bosnia Oct. 1912, 1h-5 krone comp. set of 2035
*Ceylon 1898, 4c bright rose20
*France 1900, pair 3c variety imperforate, mint 2.50
1906-7, pair 30c yellow variety imperforate, mint 3.75
1906-7, 10c very palest orange red, extreme shade, mint block of 450
*French Colonies Oct. 1912, set of 108 provisionals 5.00
The previously issued 32 provisionals of 1912 1.85
Iceland 1901, 25 aur (cat 60c)25
1902, 2 Gildi 100 aur (cat. \$2.00)80
India 1854, 1/2a blue, 1st issue10
1895, Queen 2 and 3r, extra fine copies45
*1912 King George Durbar Issue 1/4, 1/2, 2, 3, 6a42
Ditto set in mint blocks of 4 1.68
8 and 12a50
Ditto set in mint blocks of 4 2.00
Large bi-coloured 5r, very fine design 1.90
Large bi-coloured 25r, very fine design 9.25
Service 1/4, 1/2 and 6a38
" 8a25
" 25r, very fine large design 11.50
*Mauritius 1882-83, 8c blue CA, mint block of 450
*Mexico Postage Due 1908, 1-10c complete, mint, rare thus60
Netherlands 1867, 10c perf. 10 1/2 x 10 (Cat. 50c)10
*Tibet on China 3 pies08
1r rare 2.50
2r very rare 8.75
The Dauli Lama Stamp 1a red purple, very rare 12.50
* unused. Postage extra on orders under \$1.00.

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272a 8c gems ".....	12.50
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future. Mr. Slusser is an electrician in the U. S. Army and asks the indulgence of his correspondents until he gets settled.

—"The picture on the 10-cent Parcel Post stamp is taken from the painting of the North German Lloyd Express Steamship Kronprinz Wilhelm entering New York Harbor with H. R. H. Prince Henry on board, Feb. 1902."—CHAS. K. B. NEVIN.

—"How many of your readers have made a careful examination of the new ten cent stamp of the San Francisco Commemorative issue? I have examined several copies with quite a powerful glass and it was extremely difficult even with that aid to read the inscription on the stamp. My eyes are not sharp enough to make anything at all out of the design on the stamp. Like all the stamps of that character, in which the mistake is made of trying to get too much into too small a space, it seems to me that this is about the worst one, for it is merely a jumble of color that is ridiculous. It is to be hoped that the Government will recall this stamp immediately and replace it with something that may be well enough executed to convey something to the mind and the eye."—C. B. BOSTWICK.

—"The 'postage and revenue' controversy has worried collectors in England, and its translation here has not added to the harmony of nations. An unused 'postage and revenue' stamp is exactly as designated,—either a postage stamp or a revenue stamp: use alone places it finally. So say the gods!"—EDWIN B. HILL.

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Precancels! We will buy or sell Xmas Precancels. The John M. Stuart Co., Paris, Ky. [tf]

Have you anything to buy, sell or exchange? This column only 20c per line.

105 China, &c., list, stp. dictionary, 2c. Agts. 50%. A. Bullard & Co., Sta. A14, Boston, Mass. [54]

1912 Mint Guatemala Surcharges; offer withdrawn Feb. 22nd. Orders over 50c prepaid. 1c on 20c; 2c on 50c; 5c on 75c; the set 7c. 1c inverted on 20c, 50c. All 4 stamps 55c. Gener Stamp Co., Oakland, Cal., or Guatemala City. [53]

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Ask Your Banker if he has any early U. S. Bills I will buy them. Have a few V.D.B. Pennies at 10c. Parcel Post used, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, all for 10c. A. A. LEVE, Box 405C, Syracuse, N. Y.

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A fine collection of unused British Colonial stamps, including many King Edwards, for \$125.00 cash. No minor varieties of watermark or perf. ALBERT GREASBY, 172 Northwestern Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

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Collection, 1780 varieties in International 19 C. album, cat. value over \$60. At your own price. J. L. Trentman, Box 736, Wichita, Kan.

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We are preparing to issue a series of Handbooks on U. S. Postage Stamps by Mr. Frank E. Goodwin of St. Louis. The books will be similar in size and get-the-Melville books. One book will be devoted to each issue of stamps. All of the new information which has been produced by Mr. Goodwin's current articles in Mekeels Weekly will be included therein. The first book will tell of the making of U. S. Stamps the entire second book will be on the 1847 issue, and so on, thru the series. We want 250 more pledges, \$5 MONEY now, to help guarantee expenses. Send yours and get all your friends to do the same. Address the publishers GEORGE W. LINN COMPANY, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. have shown us specimens of these stamps, which show a number of minor varieties, due to imperfect printing, or errors in spelling. The New England Stamp Co. also shows us a new printing of the 10 lepta stamp of 1911, apparently a lithographed copy of the original engraved design. It is printed on a very smooth, possibly a coated paper, the size of the design being slightly larger than the original. This new stamp has received the surcharge noted above, signifying "Grecian Administration." Samos has a set of its own also, locally printed, showing a map of the Island, and inscriptions and values in Greek characters. A permanent set has been ordered from Athens, and will appear shortly.

GRENADA.—We are indebted to William L. Aldrich and Co. for a specimen of the new 3d stamp from this Colony. Unlike the Sierra Leone 3d, recently chronicled the designers of the Grenada stamp before have not departed from the recent size of Colonial issues but in other ways have made a radical departure from the conventional design so long familiar in De La Rue stamps. The portrait used is the later photograph of large size, nearly filling the oval. The crown is placed entirely outside the oval, and is flanked on either side by a large colorless tablet with the value "3d" in colored letters, very large and distinct, yet harmonious with the balance of the design. "Grenada" runs across the bottom of the stamp. At the sides of the portrait are panels, curved to conform to the oval, with pretty foliated ornaments on a colored ground, with "Postage," "Revenue" at the bottom in small letters. The stamp is printed on multiple paper and perforated 14.

Adhesive.

3d violet on yellow.

GIBRALTAR.—Albert E. Sanford has shown us a cover franked by a 1d King Edward stamp of Great Britain, but postmarked "Gibraltar—21 de 12—Paquebot." Can anyone tell us what use is here signified?

HONG KONG.—Lewis A. McArthur shows us the 4c value of the new King George stamps recently chronicled, and reports having also seen the 2c. Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1c value. Mr. McArthur says late mails from the Orient show that the 10c blue has not been changed as yet, the King Edward stamp being still in use.

INDIA.—Gwalior.—W. T. Wilson has shown us five varieties of the King George Indian stamps surcharged "Gwalior" and Hindi characters for use in this convention state. This printing was made from the condemned dies, and therefore was a very small one. The next printing is likely to be from the

Only a few panes of 6—2c Shield type left @ 25c. H. T. WILLCOX, Jewett City, Conn. [tf]

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U. S. 1900, 50 cent and \$1.00 stamps, no perf. initials, good condition, the pair for 25c. 1912, 50 cent same as above, for 10c. FLOUR CITY STAMP CO., Minneapolis, Minn. [53]

retouched dies. All surcharges are in two lines in black.

Adhesives.

3p gray.
1/2 a green.
1a carmine.
2a violet.
3a brown orange.

Patiala.—W. T. Wilson sends us specimens of the current Indian stamps of the King George set surcharged "Patiala—State" in two lines in black for use in this state. The same remarks regarding the condemned dies, printed above under the head of "Gwalior" applies equally well to these Patiala stamps.

Adhesives.

3p gray.
1/2 a green.
1a carmine.
2a violet.
3a brown orange.
6a bistre.

KEDAH.—The Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung chronicles a 10c registration envelope in the same design as the ordinary 10c stamp.

Registration Envelope.

10c ultramarine.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—W. H. Peckitt shows us the 5c and 10c values of the King George set.

Adhesives.

5c orange.
10c violet on yellow.

SWEDEN.—Whitfield King & Co. report having seen the 2, 4, 20, 30 and 50 ore official stamps on paper watermarked Crown; and the 10 and 35 ore stamps on paper watermarked wavy lines.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

(For the benefit of our advertisers as well as subscribers we shall keep all sales posted and desire early receipt of catalogs that dates may be promptly entered.)

February.—Sales by Harmer Rooke & Co., Feb. 1, 3, 8, 15, 17, 22.

Feb. 7-8.—Sale of European stamps and colonies of European countries by the Phila. Stamp Co. All stamps unused.

Feb. 8.—Old Germans, triangular Capes etc. in fine sale by F. Michael and Bro.

Feb. 10.—International Stamp Co., DeGraft, O.

Feb. 14-15.—Stamps property of Rev. W. F. Stowe, R. Newman and others will be sold by the Philadelphia Stamp Co. General collection.

Feb. 18.—Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Sale, N. Y. City.

Feb. 19.—Sale by Eugene Klein, Inc., including stamps from collection of the late Victor Du Pont Jr. Also Panama.

Mar. 11, 12.—Sale by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., N. Y. City.

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Office of Third Asst. P. M. Gen. WASHINGTON, Jan. 24, 1913.

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JAMES J. BRITT,
Third Asst. P. M. Gen.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 331, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

STAMPS FOR OTHER SPECIAL PURPOSES
(Continued).

Consular Post Offices.—Remark has frequently been made by the uninitiated regarding the seeming absurdity in the postal rates which allows letters addressed to Shanghai to travel at the domestic rate of 2c while those sent to other parts of China are charged at the rate of 5c each. The reason is that a Post-office is maintained at the United States Consular Office at Shanghai and as this is, theoretically at any rate, an American Post-office all mail to and from that office comes under the domestic tariff. All letters, etc., posted from the Shanghai office bear ordinary United States stamps.

France, Great Britain, Russia, Germany and Japan also operate Consular Post-offices at the different China Treaty Ports. In the case of Great Britain these offices are under the jurisdiction of Hong Kong and the postage stamps of that Colony are used. The offices maintained by Germany, Japan and Russia are supplied with the stamps of those countries suitably overprinted to indicate their special use. The French offices are supplied with the issues of Indo-China overprinted with name "Chine" and native characters while each of the offices is also supplied with an individual set.

The same thing will be found in connection with the Levant, most of the European Powers maintaining Consular Post-offices at the more important centres. As a rule specially overprinted stamps are supplied for general use by each of the countries concerned but of late years Italy and Russia have supplied separate series for each of the towns in which they maintain offices.

Postmasters' Stamps.—These are stamps and envelopes prepared for and issued by the Postmasters of various cities in the United States in 1845-46 to facilitate the prepayment of postage previous to the introduction of the general Governmental issues. Outside the United States we find but one solitary representative of this class of special stamps—a 1d label issued by the Postmaster of Hamilton, Bermuda, in 1848.

Carriers' Stamps.—This is another class of special stamps monopolized by the United States. These stamps were used to defray the postage on letters carried from a post-office to an addressee residing in the district served by that particular post-office. They were in use as early as 1842 and as late as 1858—a period when ordinary postage only defrayed the carriage of mail from one post-office to another. Most of these services were of a semi-official nature and the fee charged was rarely higher than 2c.

Local Stamps.—Local stamps are those available for use in a circumscribed area and fall into two main divisions—government and private locals. Government locals are included in most general catalogues, private locals are not, and though some in the latter class are equally as interesting as those in the former their omission from the catalogues militates against their general collection. Among Government locals we find such labels as the 1c and 3c issued by the Spanish government in 1853 for use within the city of Madrid, the Inter-island stamps of Hawaii, and the stamps provisionally used by various departments of Peru during the war with Chili.

Of private locals those of the United States and China are best known for the simple reason that these are listed in Scott's local catalogue. There are many others such as the interesting rural stamps of Russia and the equally uninteresting rubbish issued in Germany

and Switzerland solely for the exploitation of stamp collectors.

Department Stamps.—These, also, are stamps of a local nature for they only have franking power within certain territorial limits. The Republic of Colombia furnishes the most obvious example. Here practically every department has a special issue of stamps in addition to the general issue of the republican stamps. These department stamps are not good for international postage though I am not certain that their use is confined strictly within the limits of the department whose name they bear.

Another well-known instance occurs in the issues of Nicaragua where specially overprinted stamps are used in the Bluefields district of the Province of Yelaya. The reason given for this overprinting is that the currency in this district is silver, worth about 50c to the peso, instead of the paper currency used elsewhere in Nicaragua and which is only worth half as much.

War Tax Stamps.—Most collectors are familiar with the Spanish stamps inscribed "Impuesto de Guerra." These are listed in Gibbons under the caption "War tax stamps" and, we read, "These stamps were issued to collect a fee in addition to the ordinary postal rate." It will thus be seen that they are not postage stamps at all inasmuch as they did not pay postage but represented a transitory tax levied on letters and stamped papers and documents. The first of these war tax labels was issued in 1874 to help pay the expenses incurred by the Carlist insurrection while the last was issued in 1898-99 to help pay for the war in Cuba and the Philippine Islands.

Telegraph Stamps.—These are stamps issued solely for the prepayment of charges on telegraphic messages and their inclusion in a postage stamp catalogue is entirely indefensible.

Revenue Stamps.—To these the same remarks apply for, though interesting, their collection and study is a branch quite distinct from the collection of postage stamps.

Stamped Stationery.—Under this heading all envelope, postcard, wrapper, and letter-card stamps may be included. Though these are certainly postage stamps proper their study and collection is generally treated as a branch quite separate from adhesives.

GREAT MYSTERY SOLVED.

(From W. P. S. Reunion Dinner Menu.)

Some months ago a letter arrived at the Washington postoffice addressed to "Mr Hedgcok Wash." The employees at the postoffice, unable to find any such name in the city directory, sent the letter to the Dead Letter Office. After being subjected to the searching scrutiny of several of the office's experts it was, as a last resort, submitted to the famous blind clerk, who at once recognized the peculiar style of writing and spelling, and determined that the letter was intended for the Hon. Frank Hitchcock, Postmaster General.

That our readers may appreciate the puzzles which the Dead Letter Office is sometimes called upon to solve and as some of you may have seen letters, similar to the one in question, we append a copy of it:

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An auction catalogue describes under Cape of Good Hope, the shilling emerald as a gem, just as if everybody did not know it.

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"Did you ever take a trip to the Orient via your stamps? Have you coursed to the Occident and lifted the veil of its splendors? Have you penetrated to the icy fastnesses of the north, where old Boreas' sceptre is an icicle?" asks one of the swan's-down school of writers. He has us going south.

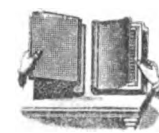
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—G. B. Newton Jr. submits a piece of an original cover showing a two-cent parcel post stamp with postmark "Ridley Park, Pa., Jan. 1, 1912," instead of 1913. Mr. Newton adds that all mail sent from the Ridley Park post office on Jan. 1 and 2 was dated 1912.

—The Hussman Stamp Co., St. Louis Mo. would like to know whether any of their dealer friends are able to locate J. A. Muchmore, at one time of Enid, Okla., and possibly residing there yet, so far as their knowledge goes. Write the Company at St. Louis if able to render any assistance.

—The George E. Haynes Stamp Co. wishes us to state that the purchase of the Haynes-Liberia auction business by Mr. Whittaker has no connection with the business conducted by the firm first mentioned.

—W. S. Aldrich reports the 1c parcel post precancelled "Racine, Wis." It was used by a paint manufacturing house. The type is the same as that used on the regular issue, so that two or parts of two cancellations appear on each stamp.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Russell L. Stultz (4), Geo. H. Scharr, F. C. DePuy (5), A. McKechie, John F. Fortune (2), Hugo Kuenstler (9), Geo. W. Schaefer (6), Edgar S. Bissinger, Leslie Davenport (2), R. E. Jessup, James Lewis Howe.

—The catalog of the Klein sale to be held Feb. 19 lists a very fine specialized collection of Panamas, and collectors interested in this country should not neglect to procure a catalog.

—The Australian Stamp Journal announces that tenders are invited for the remainders of the New Hebrides stamps, the time limit being fixed for March 1, 1913. The stock consists of 140,000 1d and 94,000 2d. These stamps were used for the conveyance of letters on steamers owned by the Australian-New Hebrides Co. throughout the islands from 1897 to 1900, when their use was abandoned. It is reported that they were used in world-wide correspondence. An interesting thing about these two stamps is that they were designed by the well-known philatelists A. F. Bassett-Hull.

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—Gordon B. Ross sends us a letter from a correspondent at Shanghai, China, which contains the following information concerning the reception of the two commemorative issues:—"There was such a rush that one could hardly stand on his feet, struggling as one among mad people to buy the stamps. Only a week since the sale commenced and even now none can be purchased, the stamps being taken up like 'hot cakes' as you Americans say."

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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EDITORIAL.

Officially Speaking.—Here is the official version in brief of the circumstances attending the preparation of the first type of the two-cent Panama-Pacific stamp as submitted by James J. Britt, third assistant postmaster-general: "The original Panama two-cent stamp contained a defect in that the picture of the 'Pedro Miguel Locks' was labelled

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'Gatun Locks,' the error resulting either from the photographing of the wrong model or from a mistake in the engraving from the photograph, the exact nature of which is a subject of dispute between the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Panama Canal Commission. Upon discovery of the mistake, all that had been printed, of which none had been issued, were destroyed on the order of the Department and a new design made, bearing the picture of 'Pedro Miguel Locks,' with passing ships, and bearing the title 'Panama Canal.' Stamps made from the new design are on sale at the post-offices."

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Settled Right.—For many years it has been taken for granted by writers on the subject of the Great Central Fair Postage Stamps of the United States Sanitary Commission, Philadelphia, that they were made by the American Bank Note Company. Recently, C. E. Severn wrote a booklet on the Sanitary Fair stamps and following the lead of predecessors more or less distinguished, he assigned the credit for the manufacture of the three Great Central Fair stamps to the company aforesaid. In the aggregate a large number of the stamps and their proofs had been examined by Mr. Severn but it happened that no imprint had been seen. Now, through the courtesy of Mr. Hiram E. Deats, Flemington, New Jersey, that indefatigable delver into the historical suggestions of United States stamps that are at all removed from the ordinary course of collecting, an error in the philatelic records is corrected. The Great Central Fair stamps were printed by Butler and Carpenter, Philadelphia, in sheets of 126 stamps each, arranged on the plate in nine horizontal rows of fourteen stamps each. Mr. Deats is the possessor of proof sheets of the stamps in question. The firm of Butler and Carpenter had no successors but gradually retired from business. It is a satisfaction to know that there can no longer be any two opinions as to what company engraved the three stamps of the Philadelphia "sanitary fair" of 1864.

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No Rest For Them.—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who remitted pieces of fractional currency to dealers for their stamp packets? Is he dallying somewhere with the o. f. c. who placed the cuts of the greatest rarities, scissored from dealers' price-list, in his album, saying that he could not hope to obtain the regular stamps? What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who advertised "a stock of 2,000 varieties constantly on hand?" Is he stranded somewhere with the o. f. d. who promised to send his four-page price-list on receipt of a three-cent stamp and then forwarded it under one-cent postage? Mr. S. M. Reed, Fayetteville, N. C., says: "In hounding down the o. f. c., you have overlooked the one that carefully wrote the name of the country and the value on the back of the stamp."

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He Is Tiring.—Sinpod, the stamp sage, says that he has cornered the collector

who never found a thin spot under the accumulation of hinges on a stamp that he bought: A secretary of a stamp society who never in his annual report urged each member to secure at least one new member during the coming year: A collector who never made a mistake in deducting the amount of commission on stamps taken from approval sheets and a philatelist who never bid on the wrong lot in an auction sale. Mr. E. B. Anderson, Quinlan, Texas, asks: "Has Sinpod located the collector who received every selection sent him by dealers? Last week, I remitted a dealer three dollars and five cents for a selection I never received. We talk of the risk dealers take in sending out approvals; how about the risk a collector takes in soliciting them?"

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A Problem.—What is the mail-order man to do when he secures a great number of unused stamps of the current issue as remittances? He is apt to discount them at a stamp dealer's. What does the stamp thief do when he makes a haul? He sometimes approaches a dealer with the idea of disposing of his loot at a discount. In consequence, it becomes necessary for the dealer to exercise discrimination of a rarer quality than is usually possessed; and it may not always be easy for the buyer to escape embarrassment. If some plan for the redemption under proper restrictions could be devised by the authorities, then dealers rightfully could be prohibited from trading in these stamps but failing this, the nuisance probably will continue unabated. The perforation of the initials was a preventive measure and the further step should be taken by the government to avoid the unused stamp scandals that arise periodically.

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In Ward Thirteen.—The attendant at the Asylum for the Addled said: "Yes, it is a strange case. He sits by the hour with that look of frozen anxiety on his face but he never complains or even murmurs; I must say that he is our favorite patient. You see, he got that way because he was too considerate to tell his friends who looked at his stamps not to place their moist fingers on the rarities; and in silence he allowed them to paw away to their hearts' content. No wonder the strain became too great, poor fellow."

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The Good In Us.—In the issue of December 28th, 1912, we published a letter from and the picture of Earl E. Boyd, Watertown, New York, one of the "shut-ins" who was among the number recommended to the consideration of intending donors of stamps to the afflicted at Christmas time. The appearance of the picture and the letter was attended by developments at once surprising and gratifying; and a wonderful impetus was given to the impulse of generous readers, as the following letter from the beneficiary will attest: "Mr. C. E. Severn—Dear Sir: It has been suggested to me by W. F. Slusser that I write you and ask you to publish in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS my

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acknowledgment and thanks for the replies that I received in answer to my letter that was published in the issue of December 28th. He advised me to do this on account of my not being able to write and thank each one personally, which I started to do. You will understand this letter when I say that up to date I have received 177 letters and 21 packages containing stamps besides numerous packages of philatelic papers and reading matter. Now it would be impossible for me to express in words or writing my appreciation of your kind act in putting the letter in the paper and the hearty response it met with. I am having the time of my life in sorting and arranging them and of course have thousands of duplicates which I intend sending to several other shut-ins whose names I have. So, you see, your scheme will turn out better than you thought as I will add several to the list of shut-ins who will receive stamps as a result of your editorial in the WEEKLY. Hoping you will fix up a little card of thanks in my name, I remain, Sincerely yours, Earl E. Boyd, 2 Hall Block, Court Street, Watertown, New York." It is a pretty good old stamp world, after all.

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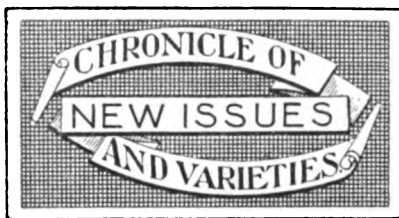
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UNITED STATES.—Correspondents in various sections send us specimens of the new 2c Panama Canal stamp, but as MEKEEL'S has already fully described the stamp and explained the reason for the delay we can only acknowledge the courtesies received. By the way, has anyone a sheet of the stamps labeled "Gatun Locks" tucked away as a speculation?

B. Douglas Goode writes as follows: "In looking over some of the current one-cent stamps with numerals in the past few days I have discovered a distinct die variety which I think may be of interest to other collectors. In the normal stamp all of the horizontal shade lines end evenly to the left of the bust at the white frame line. In the variety several of these lines to the left of the bust and about midway between top and bottom of the stamp are more or less uneven, giving the appearance of a series of notches or saw-teeth along the white frame line. I have a sheet of ten of these stamps (used) showing the variety, which would lead me to believe that the variation extends to an entire plate. Out of over four-hundred single copies examined I have found only one of the variety."

We reproduce the following letter from A. G. Johnson, as of interest to students of United States stamps, though without endorsing his conclusions in their entirety: "Some time ago one of the correspondents of MEKEEL'S called attention to the defective printing in the ovals surrounding the figures of value of the 2c stamp of 1890. After having found a number of them it struck me that there was a good deal of uniformity in the appearance of the defects, and of their location. I therefore pursued the search further into the issues of 1894-5, as the 1890 dies were used in that issue, apparently with little change excepting the triangles. The result of a search through about 20,000

stamps of 1895 was two specimens showing similar white marks around the figures of value.

"Now the process of printing from engraved plates is exactly the reverse of that of type printing, the depressed portions of the designs receiving and depositing the ink, and the raised parts producing the white figures. From indications shown by these so-called defects it seems to me that the original design about the '2' was fuller and more complete, but that it was cut down for some purpose—being white it would naturally tend to make the figure more or less obscure, a thing to be avoided when we consider the immense number handled daily by all sorts and conditions of people—probably that the figure of value might be read at a glance. The lily-like design seems to be incomplete as shown at present. It might be possible that the caps on the '2' originally formed a part of the design.

"I am not claiming to have discovered any new die, or anything of that kind; I am merely giving you my opinion as the result of my studies. If the figure was fuller originally, and the change were made in the plates, or if the engraver failed to cut one of them deep enough it would produce the result shown in these defects."

BELGIUM.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that the 10c of the current set has been issued in the redrawn type, the head of King Albert appearing of the same size as on the 25c stamp. All the values 10c and above will appear in the large head type.

Adhesive.
Redrawn Type.

10c carmine.

BRAZIL.—A. G. Johnson calls attention to the fact that Scott's catalogue describes very imperfectly the varieties of the 200r dark blue of 1900. Scott gives the type of the 200r as A42a. This is correct for one variety, but a large part of the issue is printed in type A43. This has the word "Correio" in slightly smaller letters, while the colorless inscriptions are all larger. What is called the framed variety, Scott's No. 161a is apparently the original type, as the centre is printed at a separate operation, the inner oval line of the frame encroaching upon the horizontal lines of shading surrounding the Liberty head, in various places, according as the stones were shifted slightly printing. The common variety printed in one operation has the oval outlined by a thin line, which is close to all points of the oval and leaves no white space anywhere. There is a third variety, which has a thin line all around the oval, equally distant from the shading, which gives a double white border around between the oval shading and the main frame.

CANADA.—The 2c card is out with the King George stamp, which is the only new feature.

Post Card.

2c dark blue on pale buff.

GRENADA.—Hermann Focke has shown us the 2½d value of the new set in the same design as the 3d above described.

Adhesive.

2½d dark ultramarine.

HONDURAS.—Lowell J. Ragatz reports finding Scott's No. 182, with double surcharge, both normal.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the ½d King George stamp, the ¼d, 1d, 2d and 2½d having been previously chronicled.

Adhesive.

½d green.

PERU.—James B. B. Smith has shown us a cover mailed at Lima and received in New York, franked with several of the current 1c and 2c stamps and also two copies of a new provisional not previously chronicled. The 12c stamp of 1905 has been again pressed into service, being surcharged "Union Postal—Sud Americana" in a double transverse oval, with "8 cts" in the centre.

Provisional Adhesive.

8c on 12c blue and black.

RUSSIA.—The long promised series of postage stamps for the Empire has at last made its appearance, and specimens have been shown us by Robert Bruce, and the Universal Publicity Co.

In these stamps she has departed from her postal traditions to a surprising extent. They were issued to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the accession of the Romanof Dynasty, and were placed on sale Jan. 1, old style. Thus far we have only seen the 3k and 4k values, but we are able to give through translation from *Lemaire's Journal* the portraits on the other values, as follows: 1k, Peter the Great; 2k, Alexander II; 3k, Alexander III; 4k, Peter the Great; 7k, Nicholas II; 10k, Nicholas II; 14k, Catherine II; 15k, Nicholas I; 20k, Alexander I; 25k, Alexis Michaelovitch; 35k, Paul I; 50k, Elisabeth; 70k, Michael Feodorovitch. Not only do these stamps bear portraits of the Royal Family but they are much larger than have been the previous issues. The designs measure 20x25½ mm. all being upright rectangles. Each value has a design of its own, strikingly simple, with the values very plainly indicated. Curiously enough the Imperial Arms appear only on three of the values noted above, and even then are nearly covered by the portraits and their frames.

Adhesives.

1k orange.
2k light green.
3k carmine.
4k carmine lake.
7k brown.
10k blue.
14k blue green.
15k brown.
20k olive.
25k claret.
35k dark lilac and green.
50k brown and slate.
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DEATH OF THE EARL OF CRAWFORD.

The Earl of Crawford, head of the ancient house of Lindsay, and premier Earl on the roll of Scottish peers, died January 31. Earl Crawford had made a name for himself in science and letters, having served as president of the Royal Astronomical Society. He was particularly well known to philatelists because of his great interest in stamp collecting and his very valuable collection of British and United States stamps. The Earl was 65 years old, having been born at St. Germain, France, July 28, 1847, and was educated at Eaton and Trinity College, Cambridge. He was a member of Parliament from 1874 to 1880. His estate covers 14,500 acres.

It is needless to say that the death of the Earl will be a severe blow to English philately, and particularly to the Royal Philatelic Society of which he was a devoted member and official.

EXHIBITION NEWS.



Practically all the world renowned collectors have signified their intention to show their treasures at the great Stamp Exhibition to be held next October in New York and incidentally to compete for the valuable prizes to be distributed. Certainly the show must depend for its drawing powers on the wonderful treasures that will then be on exhibition, stamps that the ordinary collector can never again expect to see, but to our mind the albums of the rank and file, each showing the care and skill of the amateur in arranging, together with the one or two special gems which can be found in nearly every album, will constitute the most interesting feature of the exhibition. In the course of my fifty years' experience I have rarely

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Gentlemen: Why not request a sample copy of "Gammans' Stamp Notes"? It will only cost you a cent. 61 Nassau St., N. Y. City. [tf]

5 Newfoundland Free to applicants for our 50% Approvals. Try a thousand of our hinges, 8c. MACK STAMP CO., Detroit, Mich. [54]

seen a collection that did not contain some desirable stamps, it may have been a question of superb condition, a curious postmark, a fine used block, a strange combination of stamps on a cover or some uncatalogued minor variety, but every painstaking collector has something to be proud of, something that cannot be duplicated in the collections of the mighty. I suppose you have noticed in the daily papers that the King of Spain is trying to make arrangements to visit this country. I cannot affirm that the Stamp Exhibition is the object of his visit but if he gets here he will surely take in the great show.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

C. K. B. NEVIN, Pres.; FERNALD HUTCHINS, Vice Pres.; C. A. HOWES, Sec., 55 Kilby St., Boston; PHILIP WOLFF, Int. Sec., Box 81, Fenway Station, Boston; J. B. SMITH, Treas., East Weymouth, Mass.; J. H. LYONS, Supt. Auc.; J. B. B. SMITH, Supt. Sales; A. W. DUNNING, Supt. Bourse.

Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bdg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 21, 1913.

The 284th (regular) meeting was held at the Club Room at 8 o'clock this evening. Pres. Nevin occupied the chair and 42 members and friends were present.

This being the Annual meeting, reports were received from the various officers. The resignations of Nos. 27 and 531 were read and accepted. The applications of Messrs. John Kling and Charles B. Moore were posted.

The following officers were elected for 1913:—Pres. C. K. B. Nevin, Vice-Pres. Fernald Hutchins, Sec. C. A. Howes, Int'l Sec. Philip Wolff, Treas. J. B. B. Smith, Supt. Auctions, J. H. Lyons, Supt. of Sales, J. B. B. Smith, Supt. Bourse, A. W. Dunning, Governing Board, Chas. H. Stone, F. W. Stiles, John Ingraham, T. W. Barry, Library Com., C. K. B. Nevin, C. A. Howes, E. M. Carpenter.

The following were admitted to membership:—No. 567, Gideon G. Ryder, No. 568, C. S. Penhallow, Jr., No. 569, Roy S. Haggard.

It was voted that the President appoint a committee of five, including the President and Secretary, to revise the Statutes of the Society and report as soon as possible. Several amendments were offered by Messrs. Dunning and A. P. Brown, which were referred to the committee on the revision of the statutes.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p. m. and was turned over to the Entertainment Com. who had on view two volumes of Mr. C. B. Moore's general collection, including the French and German Colonials, and a volume of Mr. John Stone Allen's collection including a specialized collection of Bavaria and several other countries. Of particular note were a magnificent block of six of Bavaria No. 1 and two fine pairs of the 6kr "broken circle."

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Guatemala '02, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10c " .13
*Costa Rica '88, 1c to 1p, 7 var. " .27
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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 331, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

A GUIDE TO CLASSIFICATION.

When one knows to what country a stamp belongs it is, with the aid of a catalogue, a fairly simple matter to mount it in its correct position in one's album. In the case of many stamps, however, the chief difficulty which confronts the beginner is that of finding from what country they emanate. On some stamps no name appears by means of which the tyro can readily identify it; on others the name is in a form or in characters not understood by the average individual; and in others, again, no name of any sort is shown.

We have, in previous chapters, given hints that should help in the identification of certain varieties, such as postage due stamps, officials, etc., and we now conclude our "guide" by giving an alphabetical list of the chief "clues" by means of which the beginner can identify those hard-to-tell stamps not before mentioned. Where some prominent feature of the design forms the readiest point of identification we have referred to it (see "Lion," "Cross," etc.) and where some peculiarity of inscription or combination of letters form the key they are listed in correct order. In some cases ("Native characters" for instance) the beginner must compare his stamps with the catalogue illustrations of the countries named.

A. & T.—These letters, overprinted on French colonial stamps of the "Commerce" type, show that such stamps were intended for use in the settlements of Annam and Tonquin.

Abbreviations.—Many well-known philatelic terms are more often than not written or printed in an abbreviated form. The ones most usually met with are:—

Imp. or imperf. for Imperforate.
Mm. for Millimetre.
Perf. or Pf. for Perforated.
Roul. for Rouletted.
Wmk. for Watermark.

Acores.—The Portuguese form for "Azores."

Adhesive.—A term applied to ordinary postage stamps which are intended to be stuck on postal packets, in contradistinction to stamps printed upon envelopes, postcards, newspaper wrappers, etc.

Albino.—An entirely colorless impression of a stamp produced by the process of embossing.

Alexandrie (Alexandria).—Shown on stamps for the French Consular Office established at that port.

ANATO IKH POMY IA.—Greek characters for "Eastern Roumelia."

B.—This letter overprinted on various Straits Settlements stamps shows they were intended for use in Bangkok.

Bayern.—The German form for "Bavaria."

B. C. A.—These letters overprinted on certain stamps of the British South Africa Company (Rhodesia) indicate that they were for use in British Central Africa.

B. C. M.—These letters, indicating "British Consular Mail" appear on the large stamps of Madagascar.

Belgique (or Belgie).—The French and Flemish equivalents, respectively, for Belgium.

Bi-Colored.—Stamps printed in two colors.

Bisected stamps.—Stamps cut into halves or smaller pieces and each portion having franking power as a separate stamp.

B. L. C. I.—These letters are shown, one in each corner, on many of the stamps of the Indian Native State of Bhopal.

Bollo (Stamp).—Appears on many of the stamps of Italy and States to the

catalogue illustrations of which reference should be made where no other word forms the guide to the country of origin.

Braunschweig.—The German form for "Brunswick."

British Consular Mail (or British Vice-Consulate) Antananarivo.—A hand-stamp on the large stamps of Madagascar.

Bs. As.—A contraction for Buenos Aires shown on the so-called "Gaucho" stamps of 1857 which were prepared for use but never issued.

Cabo Verde.—Cape Verde.

C. CH.—An overprint on certain French Colonial stamps indicating they were for use in Cochinchina.

C. E. F.—An overprint on certain Indian stamps issued for the use of the troops on the "China Expeditionary Force" in 1900 and since used at certain British Post-offices maintained in China.

Chine.—China.

Communicaciones.—The only inscription, in addition to value, appearing on certain stamps of Spain.

Correio.—The only inscription shown on some of the early stamps of Portugal.

Correo Espanol Marruecos.—Spanish Morocco.

Correo Interior, (Inland Postage).—On the two Spanish stamps issued for local use in Madrid.

Correos Centimos.—The only inscription on the 1893 stamps of Venezuela.

Correos.—This word, used in conjunction with "Certificado" or value forms the only inscription on certain stamps of Spain and its colonies. Reference to the illustrations in a catalogue should make identification easy.

Cote d'Ivoire.—Ivory Coast.

Cote Francaise des Somalis.—French Somali Coast.

Cpenja.—Shown on the stamps of Servia.

Crescent (and Star).—A feature of the design of many Turkish stamps.

Cross.—An uncolored cross on a shield forms a distinctive part of the design of many early issues of Switzerland that are otherwise difficult to identify.

(To be continued.)

COMING AUCTION SALES.

(For the benefit of our advertisers as well as subscribers we shall keep all sales posted and desire early receipt of catalogs that dates may be promptly entered.)

February.—Sales by Harmer Rooke & Co., Feb. 15, 17, 22.

Feb. 14-15.—Stamps property of Rev. W. F. Stowe, R. Newman and others will be sold by the Philadelphia Stamp Co. General collection.

Feb. 18.—Wolsieffer's 125th sale, containing collection of Dr. W. I. Mitchell, Wichita, Kans. United States and foreign, general line.

Feb. 18.—Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Sale, N. Y. City.

Feb. 19.—Sale by Eugene Klein, Inc., including stamps from collection of the late Victor Du Pont Jr. Also Panama.

Feb. 21.—Drew's 253rd sale, comprising 20th Century stamps only, in superb condition. 870 lots.

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Mar. 11, 12.—Sale by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., N. Y. City.

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CATALOG HUNT.

By G. A. HUNT.

Here is a good chance to test your faithfulness in the study of your Standard Catalog. These questions may be all answered by consulting the numbered pages of Scott's 1912 edition.

Mr. Hunt offers a Congo 3f 50c parcel post stamp catalogued at \$5.00 for the first correct complete list filed. The WEEKLY will add a goodly number of consolation prizes depending on the merit and number of entries.

The contest will close March 8, 1913, and our subscribers are cordially invited to participate in this unique contest.

1. Where are the words "clean cut" spelt "clean out"?
2. Where is the word "stamps" found "st mps" with the "a" missing?
3. What stamp is printed in prussian blue on blue?
4. Where is the word "un" spelt "nu"?
5. What stamp catalogued at \$5.00 more used than unused is listed as "Moss-green"?
6. Where is the word "buff" spelt with the first letter "f" upside down?
7. Where is the word "corner" spelt "corner"?
8. Where is the word "green" spelt "green"?
9. Where is "shilling" spelt SHILD-ING?
10. Where is the color "greenish" spelt "greenish"?
11. Where is "imperf" spelt "Imperf"?
12. Where is "white" spelt "whiie"?
13. Where is the word rose found beginning with a capital "R"?
14. Where is "measure" spelt "meas-ure"?
15. On what page and column do the words prussian blue occur twice in each case the word prussian begins with a capital "P"?
16. What picture or cut of a stamp is inverted or upside down?
17. What U. S. stamp has its color "vermillion" spelt "vermillion"?
18. What foreign stamp cat. at \$4.00 new has "vermillion" spelt likewise "vermillion"?
19. Where is "sepia" spelt "speia"?
20. What stamp is catalogued at 76c?
21. Where is the word "unused" found with the last letter missing, "unuse"?
22. Where is "yellow" spelt with only one l, "yelow"?
23. Where is surcharged spelt with the letter h sidewise?
24. Where is the word "vermillion" spelt without an o, "vermilin"?
25. Where is "eight" spelt "eignt"?
26. Where is the word "between" spelt "between"?
27. Where is "similarly" spelt "sim-larl"?
28. What stamp cat. at \$9.00 used is listed as "red b'wn" instead of "red-brown"?
29. Where is the word "surcharge" spelt with the "c" missing?
30. Where is the word "instead" spelt "instead"?
31. Where can the word "issued" be found twice on the same page with the "e" missing?
32. Where is "Franc" spelt "Pranc"?
33. On what page do we find the number 101020?
34. Where is the word "Imperf" transformed so that it reads "pImperf"?
35. "Magee" is a good old Irish name and one would never expect to find it in Scott's cat., but it's there 3 times on one page only its letters are reversed. Where are these three from right to left "Magee's"?
36. Where is the word "inclusive" found with the second letter upside down?
37. Where is the word "Penny" spelt "Pnney" on a stamp issued in 1902?
38. Where is the word "large" spelt with three letters "lag" the "r" and "e" missing?

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CONCERNING OLD CATALOGUES.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

My treasure-house has its room of books and periodicals, and amongst them are a few upon matters akin to the bits of paper which give so much pleasure to the stamp lover. I do not know just when or how I conceived the plan of eliminating certain useless papers altogether unworthy of preservation,—nor can I give any reason save sentimental ones for treasuring others (gratefully few!) of no more than passing moment. The collector quite naturally turns first to a catalogue; and so my eyes rest caressingly upon the shelf devoted entirely to that branch of my philatelic library.

The first book to be placed on the shelf wholly devoted to subjects philatelic was quite naturally, the "Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue." This set I have complete in the small format. The later editions came to me from my friendliest dealer, as issued,—and he also enriched my growing set by the gift of an earlier volume or two.

The blank pages of the 1898 catalogue bear signs of careful notes comparative of B. N. A.'s,—notes enriching the volume and enhancing its philatelic value to the student. Of the hand which penciled these facts so carefully,—so studiously accurate in every detail,—I have no knowledge.

Delving amongst the books in a second-hand book-store in Detroit, one wintry day, a few years ago, a 1902 "Standard" with its yellow covers, loomed forth to claim my eye. The sprawling figures "25" on a fly-leaf won from me the not reluctant quarter, and the little volume slipped into my pocket. The covers were somewhat stained, and its leaves now and then dog-eared from usage amidst the section devoted to U. S. A.

I was not a stranger to the city, but it had ceased long since to be home to me, and as my later catalogues were all remote, I took this one with me for companionship. In the solitudes of my room, turning the leaves, I found a beautiful copy of U. S. A. No. 85, well-centered, and bright. I was tempted at once to return the stamp to the book-seller, who it may be as well to describe in passing as a barbarian of barbarians amongst booksellers, without a soul

above or beyond the dime he would pay for a book and the dollar he would demand for it. I bethought me the stamp was never his property, but that of the seller of the book. So, when I was in the store again, I mentioned the facts. I have never changed my opinion of one bookseller,—at least, never for the better.

My 1903 "Standard" was the gift of a dealer-friend. It was dug out of his cellar, where the dampness had softened the glue until the covers were loose in the binding, and the volume was what is described in old book catalogues as "shaken." There was a great splotch of ink upon the back, too, and a few pages were hopelessly mangled. Several months after the book came into my possession, a friendly collector sent me a copy of the same issue,—coverless,—the pages cut into ruthlessly,—in fact, so thoroughly Grangerized that I found it valueless for all things but the one I needed most. And so my own copy traded a few leaves, and was rendered perfect of its kind.

Of the older "Scott's Standard Catalogues," I have parts one and two of the fiftieth edition only. The old format was most familiar in my earlier collecting days: now it has been happily eliminated and the paper covers displaced by durable ones of cloth.

No collection would be worthy of chronicling without its E. B. Sterling's: and so I note the third, fifth and sixth editions of his "Catalogue of the Adhesive Postage and Stamped Envelopes of the United States only." Here are also copies of the third, fourth, and fifth editions of "Sterling's Standard Descriptive and Price Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of the United States." Some of these Sterling catalogues are from the library of E. J. Stebbins, and bear his stamp, "Edw. J. Stebbins, Philatelist, Adrian, Mich."

My single volume of "Mekeel's Complete Standard Catalogue"—1895—bears the name Cornelius Swope on a fly-leaf. Should he be not gone into the Silent Land, may he learn that his once treasured volume (for it shows the caress of loving fingers) is now in appreciative hands.

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Of course, in a collection—a working library—the catalogues, English edition, of Stanley Gibbons are indispensable. They are here on my shelves, used almost solely for reference. I stick to our own "Standard" for all practical purposes. The fourth, fifth, and seventh editions of Gibbons are also on my shelves,—quite useless save for remote reference. They are of the old format, paper bound.

The Whitfield King "Standard," of simplified fame, is also here, complete. I find it useful for reference, and it is at least refreshing to dip into a volume, now and then, which refuses to list perforations and papers to the limit of unreasonable folly—in the eyes of one "general collector."

Another English catalogue, cloth-bound, which was dug out of an English book-seller's list and came to me for three shillings, is "A Catalogue for Collectors," by Captain Edward B. Evans, R. A. London, 1882. Those were the days when the U. S. A. five cents, 1847, sold for eight pence, and the 10 cents for two-and-six, which last-named sum also purchased the 90 cents 1869. Alas! that we older collectors wearied of our treasures and let them pass!

How I love old catalogues.—links with the past, ever growing stronger with the years! The hands that turned the leaves may be resting forever,—who can know? Yet the volumes once loved by them are loved again,—even as mine may be, some day.

PARCEL-POST STAMPS.

ACCOUNTING.

1. Postmasters will record the parcel-post stamps received, on hand, and sold, and the parcel-post due stamps received, on hand, and used, in the official account-and-record book.

2. The Department is preparing a blank, to be inserted in the postmaster's account-and-record book, providing for the record of transactions in parcel-post stamps and parcel-post due stamps required in paragraph 1. One year's supply of these blanks will be issued by the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Supplies, to all postmasters, without requisition, when received from the printer.

3. Pending receipt of the new blanks referred to in paragraph 2, postmasters will record their parcel-post stamps and parcel-post due stamps in the account-and-record book, in space not used for other entries; the words "Parcel-post stamps" and "Parcel-post due stamps" to be written in with pen.

4. Postmasters will render to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Stamps, promptly at the close of each quarter, a report on Form 3264 of their transactions in parcel-post stamps and parcel-post due stamps. They will receive a supply of this form from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General without requisition, and will then render promptly a report for the quarter ended December 31, 1912.

5. The items reported on Form 3264 must also be included in postmasters' quarterly stamp accounts to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, as directed in the December supplement to the 1912 Postal Guide, page 6, paragraph 8.

REQUISITIONS.

6. The regular requisition Form 3201 is to be used for parcel-post stamps and parcel-post due stamps, with the words "Parcel-Post" written in; but ordinary stamps, stamp books, postal cards or stamped envelopes must not be included on the same blank.

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8. Requisitions for more than 900 stamps should be drawn for multiples of the quantities listed in the foregoing table.

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10. The Department will modify postmasters' requisitions to conform to paragraphs 7, 8, and 9, if necessary.

SALE OF PARCEL-POST STAMPS.

11. The sale of parcel-post stamps should not be limited to those required for affixing to parcels presented at the post office for mailing. The stamps should be sold in any quantities needed by purchasers for affixing to parcels at their places of business or elsewhere, subject to the provisions of Sections 75 and 76, page 43, 1912 Postal Guide.

12. Parcel-post due stamps are not valid for prepayment of postage and must not be sold to the public. (Section 134, P. L. and R.)

JAMES J. BRITT.

Third Asst. P. M. Gen.

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THE AUSTRALIAN PROVISIONALS.

There is still no word of the South Australian 1d on 2d, so it may be considered that the idea has been abandoned. As to the West Australian 1d on 2d, the fact that none were obtainable after the expiration of three days leads up to the impression that they were withdrawn from sale. Mr. Orchard also informs us that no more Tasmanian 1d on 2d are to be had at the Hobart Post Office.—*Australian Stamp Journal.*

Cat. Price
 1909 Brazil, 200r blue..... .10 .04
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 1894 *Japan, 2, 5 sen..... .20 .12
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 *Greece No. 101..... .60 .20
 *Great Britain No. 145..... .12 .04
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Section 2.—Any country in Europe including Great Britain.
Section 3.—Any British Colony.*
Section 4.—Any other Country.

AWARDS: One grand gold medal for each section.
*Here and elsewhere the word "Colony" implies either Colony or Protectorate.

Class B.

UNITED STATES AND POSSESSIONS.

Section 1.—Adhesive postage stamps of the United States, government issues.
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Section 3.—Confederate States, provisional and general issues.
Section 4.—Hawaiian Islands.
Section 5.—Philippine Islands.
Section 6.—Canal Zone, Guam, Porto Rico.

Section 7.—U. S. Envelopes, entire.
Section 8.—U. S. Envelopes, cut square.

Section 9.—U. S. Revenue stamps, general issues.

Section 10.—U. S. Revenue stamps, private issues.

Section 11.—U. S. Local stamps.

Section 12.—U. S. Telegraph stamps.

Section 13.—U. S. Proofs and Essays.

Section 14.—Postage stamps printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

AWARDS: Sections 1 to 5: One silver cup, one silver gilt, one silver and one bronze medal in each section.

Sections 6 to 14: One silver gilt, one silver and one bronze medal in each section.

Class C.

BRITISH EMPIRE.

Section 1.—Great Britain.

Section 2.—Any British Colony in Africa.

Section 3.—Any British Colony in Europe or Asia.*

Section 4.—Any British Colony in Australia and the Pacific.

Section 5.—Any British Colony in the Western Hemisphere.

AWARDS: One silver cup, one silver gilt, one silver and one bronze medal in each section.

*Either the Protected or the Feudatory States of India may be exhibited in this section as one group.

Class D.

EUROPE AND COLONIES.

Section 1.—France.

Section 2.—Germany and States.

Section 3.—Italy and States.

Section 4.—Switzerland (including Cantons).

Section 5.—Austria, Greece, Netherlands, Russia and Finland, Roumania, Spain.

Section 6.—Belgium, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Denmark, Hungary, Luxemburg, Montenegro, Serbia, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey.

Section 7.—Any group of Colonies of an European State except Great Britain.

AWARDS: Sections 1 to 6: One silver cup, one silver gilt, one silver and one bronze medal in each section.

Section 7: One silver gilt, one silver and one bronze medal.

Class E.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA, MEXICO, CUBA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND HAYTI.

Section 1.—Buenos Ayres, Colombian Republic, (including the States), Mexico, Uruguay.

Section 2.—Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Brazil, Chili, Dominican Republic.

Section 3.—All other Countries in this class.

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Section 3.—One silver gilt, one silver and one bronze medal.

Class F.

OTHER COUNTRIES.

Section 1.—Afghanistan, Japan, Shanghai, Siam.

Section 2.—Abyssinia, China, Corea, Egypt, Persia, Liberia, Samoa.

AWARDS: Section 1: One silver cup, one silver and one bronze medal.

Section 2: One silver gilt, one silver and one bronze medal.

Class G.

SINGLE ISSUES SPECIALIZED.*

Section 1.—Any single issue printed from line-engraved plates.

Section 2.—Any single issue of typographed stamps.

Section 3.—Any single issue of type-set stamps.

Section 4.—Any single issue printed from lithographic stones or any process not included in sections 1, 2, and 3.

Section 5.—Any single issue of surcharged stamps.

AWARDS: One silver cup, one silver and one bronze medal in each section.

*In this section "single issue" is to be interpreted liberally and is not intended to be restricted to one printing but to apply to all printings of a design (the plain border numerals of Hawaii for example) and to such groups as the Transvaal stamps of the First British Occupation, the V. R. I. issues of the Orange River Colony, 1902-03 issue of Iceland, the Puerto Principe stamps of Cuba, etc.

Class H.

TWENTIETH CENTURY.

Section 1.—General collections.

Section 2.—Specialized collection of any Country.

AWARDS: Section 1: One silver cup, one silver and one bronze medal.

Section 2: One silver gilt, one silver and one bronze medal.

Class I.

COLLECTIONS STARTED AFTER OCT. 1, 1912.

Section 1.—General collections.

Section 2.—Specialized collections.

AWARDS: One silver and one bronze medal in each section.

Class J.

GENERAL COLLECTIONS SHOWN IN ALBUMS.

Section 1.—Collections containing over 10,000 stamps.

Section 2.—Collections containing under 10,000 stamps.

AWARDS: Section 1. One silver cup, one silver and one bronze medal.

Section 2. One silver and one bronze medal.

Class K.

JUVENILE CLASS.

(Limited to Exhibitors under 18 years of age.)

Section 1.—General collections.

Section 2.—Specialized collection of any country.

AWARDS: One silver and one bronze medal in each section.

Class L.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Any collection not provided for in the foregoing classes.

AWARDS: One silver gilt, one silver and bronze medals at the discretion of the judges.

Class M.

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Section 1.—Monographs.

Section 2.—Philatelic Journals.

Section 3.—Albums exhibited by their publishers.

Section 4. Philatelic aids and appliances.

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3004 1/4c blue, o. g.....	.02	.04	.08
3005 1/4c violet, o. g.....	.06	.12	.25
3007 1/4c blue, o. g.....	.04	.08	.15
3008 2c brown, o. g.....	.05	.10	.20
3009 2 1/2c lake, o. g.....	.10	.20	.40
3010 3 1/2c olive, o. g.....	.07	.15	.30
3011 4c purple, o. g.....			

DOCUMENTARIES

2992 1c green, o. g.....	.08	.15	
2993 1c green, o. g.....	.03	.05	.10
2994 2c carn., o. g.....	.04	.08	.15
3026 1/4c gray, o. g.....	.01	.02	.05
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AN APPRECIATION OF I. A. MEKEEL.

Announcement was made last week of the death of I. A. Mekeel of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS at his home, Montclair, New Jersey, on February third, after a week's illness. The shocking news found us wholly unprepared for its reception as there had been no intimation that Mr. Mekeel was ill and it is impossible to fully express our grief at the harsh visitation that has been suffered and to convey an understanding of the sense of desolation that has stricken us. The sudden removal of one whose brilliant achievements were remarked with admiration by leaders in the business world, at the comparatively early age of forty-two years, is sad in itself but when the one taken away, in addition, is a friend for whom love had developed through years of intimate association, then the occasion becomes unutterably sorrowful.

The impress of I. A. Mekeel on philatelic journalism in America will never be effaced. When he became sole owner of the WEEKLY in 1897, he, with splendid and aggressive enthusiasm, conceived a campaign that had for its object the attainment of a circulation so extensive for his paper that it would become the great commercial power in philately. His careful plans perfected, he entered into the execution of the task and soon the results were a speaking tribute to Mr. Mekeel's genius for management; and in their way, they pointed to more famous triumphs in the larger fields of publishing, in the future. Mr. Mekeel was the first to apply broad and modern methods to the conducting of a stamp paper. With the eye of the pioneer, he saw the possibilities of philatelic advertising and his foresight was based on a firm belief in philately, its substantiality and permanence.

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The mile-stones of Mr. Mekeel's philatelic publishing progress are to be seen in his special issues, an innovation that he practically introduced in stamp journalism. Soon after he acquired the WEEKLY in 1897, Mr. Mekeel issued a Boston special number which was succeeded by a New York special in November 1897 that was a revelation in reading and advertising richness. The New York special was a momentous number as it involved a heavy preliminary expenditure and each recipient of the issue received a personal letter in which the good-will of the reader was solicited for the WEEKLY. Enterprise was properly rewarded and the circulation of the paper was firmly entrenched. The following year, when the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences recognized philately as a science at the behest of influential enthusiasts, a special commemorative issue of the WEEKLY was distributed to the number of over one hundred thousand copies, which were mailed at an expense of \$152.27 for the 15,227 pounds in weight. The advertising rates for the special number were seven times that of the ordinary copy.

A London special number was projected in January, 1900, and so handsomely was it received that forty pages and special cover were needed for its presentation. Later in the year, Mr. Mekeel brought a wonderful Chinese special number to fruition and this was followed by other celebratory issues which reached their culmination some time after, in a "World Wide" issue that bespoke the universality of philately.

In 1901, Mr. Mekeel made a connection with the Root Newspaper Association of New York City and so, the WEEKLY was transferred from St. Louis to New York; almost immediately his ascent in the publishing world began and in a time so short as almost to seem beyond the realm of reality, he became the managing director and treasurer of this great corporation which owns and operates a chain of the most important trade papers of this country. More recently, Mr. Mekeel was chiefly instrumental in combining the managements of the publishing properties of a most select class under the organization, the United Publishers' Corporation, of which Mr. Mekeel was Vice-President and Treasurer.

The career of Mr. Mekeel led him to the business heights and through ability and force of exceptional kind, he had become a leader in influence in the field of publishing prosperity. Since 1904, Mr. Mekeel could afford to give but little of his time to the WEEKLY in view of the magnitude of his other interests; and only recently, he asked that C. E. Severn succeed him as president of the Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Company, beginning with the year 1913. Mr. Mekeel, however, had a fond regard for the

WEEKLY and sentimentally, it was close to him.

I. A. Mekeel was eminently just in his findings and equitable in his exactions. He was endowed with a clearness of vision that stood him in good stead in his estimate of men and measures and while firm in his dealings, he was always fair. He was open to conviction and his mind was frank and free from any unworthy motive. In over fifteen years' time association with Mr. Mekeel, we have never known him to lower his high standard in any way, and peculiarly clean in his habits, Mr. Mekeel's physique was a testimonial to the rewards of right living and right thinking.

Mr. Mekeel was a man of unusual type. Possessing a heritage of health and mental strength from a line of sterling forbears, he was rudimentarily equipped to gain high place in the ranks of the ambitious. His acumen became developed to a wonderful degree and his forceful energy was almost invincible. His compelling enthusiasm was generated by a belief in his work and a knowledge that a proposition that was reputable and reliable would furnish its own inspiration.

One could not become fulsome in a memorial to I. A. Mekeel who typified all that was large and good in active business life. His social nature while not constantly exposed was a warm and human one; and those close to him deemed his friendship a boon and an honor. We who knew I. A. Mekeel best mourn him most. Words cannot express our sympathy for the wife bereft and the three children who survive Mr. Mekeel.

Requiescat in Pace.
ISAAC A. MEKEEL,
Aet. 42.

COLUMBUS COLLECTORS' CLUB.

The 6th annual dinner of this flourishing organization was held Friday evening, Jan. 17, with a goodly attendance of members and friends.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting held Jan. 7:—Geo. R. Smith Jr., President; W. H. Field, vice-president; Prof. W. S. Elden, second vice-president; Oscar Schenck, treasurer; Geo. W. Linn, secretary. E. S. Jaros and Hartman Sandrock were elected with the above officers to serve as the board of directors. The Club has made arrangements with the local organization of Master Printers, known as the Ben Franklin Club, to take a suite of rooms in the Clinton Building, by this arrangement, we will have a large room with chairs for about 40 people, a wall blackboard and other desirable features, we will also have one entire room for a reading and game room. The Club owns its own billiard table and all members carry keys to the room and can use it at any time. These new rooms which are being newly decorated will make about as nice and cheerful a club room as any stamp club in America. The next meeting will be held in these rooms on Feb. 18.

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FUNERAL OF I. A. MEKEEL.

On the afternoon of Feb. 5, a large number gathered in the Montclair, N. J. residence of I. A. Mekeel to pay the last tribute of respect to one who had attained signal honors and at the early age of 42 had been called to the home beyond.

Mr. Mekeel's business associates were present and many heads of departments gathered to do him honor. A profusion of floral emblems was in evidence but the service itself was of the simplest order.

Rev. Mr. Randolph of the Methodist Episcopal Church, where Mr. Mekeel attended, read selections of Scripture and offered prayer, following which the interment took place at Orange, N. J.

The managing editor of the WEEKLY was present at the funeral.

THE NEW COMMONWEALTH STAMPS.

Jan. 2, 1913 the first Commonwealth postage stamp was issued to the public. It is the penny value to which a number of references have been made in the WEEKLY, though the design has been retouched, making it much more presentable. According to the A. S. J. the new stamps are printed on paper previously gummed in England and all the denominations will be printed on similar paper and will be of the same size.

The *Journal* seems so well pleased over the fact that the country has at last got a Commonwealth stamp that it is willing to put up with the stamp even though it is not as artistic as it might be. The fact that it is a local production will apparently cover a multitude of weaknesses.

WHAT WAS THE WHY AND WHEREFORE?

To the Editor:

I recently came into possession of a cover that to me is a curiosity. It bears two (a pair) of China No. 67, cancelled "Tangku, 13 Sept. 00." and one Japan No. 98, cancelled "Shanghai, 1. J., Sept. 00". That the Japan No. 98 was placed on the cover and cancelled at Shanghai after the two No. 67 had been cancelled at Tangku is very plainly to be seen as the edge of No. 98 covers part of the circle of the Tangku cancellation. The back of the cover shows a Yokohama, Japan, postmark, but no Japanese cancellation appears on the front of cover, or any other Japanese mark.

The cover was given to me by a soldier who served with the Army of Occupation. He had sent the letter from Tangku, China, to his wife in Ann Arbor, Mich., and had purchased the stamps from the Postmaster, an old German, in Tangku. He could not be sure that he had placed the three stamps on the envelope, but said that if he had not done so, he could not imagine who had. From the Shanghai postmark it is evident that the stamp was used in China if not canceled in Tangku. Please give me any information possible through the WEEKLY.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—W. S. Aldrich can procure no satisfaction on an approval selection sent Earl Parker, 5106 Glenwood Av., Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Aldrich will be glad to hear from other interested parties.

—Frank E. Goodwin has discontinued *The Stamp Collector* and sold his subscription list to *Everybody's Philatelist*. That Mr. Goodwin is a versatile as well as a busy writer is evidenced in his many activities, not only in philatelic journalism but along other journalistic lines. His series of articles on United States stamps published in the WEEKLY has made his work much in demand.

—The Hussman Stamp Co. informs us that Mr. Ottley has satisfied them and complaint is withdrawn. J. A. Muchmore advises us that he has been the victim of circumstances that hindered him from returning an approval selection and that the matter will be attended to at once.

—"I have before me as I write this an envelope that exemplifies the efficiency that the world's postal service has attained. It has traveled, I judge, close to 15,000 miles, has been in at least four foreign countries, and has crossed the Atlantic twice (besides one long coastwise journey)—all for the five cents represented by the little blue United States stamp it bears on its face. The cover bears seven postmarks—two from a small Ohio town, one from the U. S. Dead Letter Office, one from Washington, D. C., one from St. John, Antigua, one from San Marino, and one from Rome. It was mailed from Ohio to Antigua last September, was forwarded from there to San Marino, lay there over two months, was then sent to the Central Post Office at Rome, was returned to the United States to the Dead Letter Office, and has now come back to the sender after four months of wandering."—V. E. McVICKER.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Lee A. Miller; John Fischer; F. R. Hayworth (2); Edgar S. Bissinger (5); Hugo Kuenstler (11).

—E. W. Gould, M. D., Rockland, Me., reports the 1-cent parcel post precan-

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—V. E. McVicker and several other correspondents have written us in relation to the various kinds of postage combinations that are passing through the mails. Considering the manner in which mail is dumped into the city post offices it is no wonder that parcel post stamps slip through the mails as regular postage.

—What do you think of this for boosting? Fred M. Smith, Brooklyn, N. Y. sends us one dollar with this word:—"Please send the best stamp paper published for one year to two of my philatelic friends", the same being accompanied by the addresses of two Brooklyn collectors.

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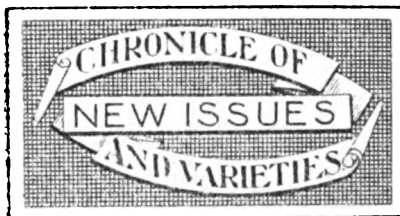
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—H. N. Haas has shown us a used pair of the 1c of 1902, Scott's No. 300, perforated all round but imperforate vertically between.

Donald Chambers reports plate numbers of the 1c Parcel Post stamps as follows: Nos. 6207, 6208, 6209 and 6210. Mr. Eldridge reports the following new precancels:

Cleveland, Ohio.—Two lines (Cleveland—Ohio) horizontal inscription between lines 11 mm. apart, lines ¾ mm. thick. 1c, 1913, Parcel Post. Reported by E. W. Murray and Allen Greeley.

Holyoke, Mass.—Two lines (Holyoke—Mass.) horizontal inscription between lines, two above and below, 15½ mm. apart, lines ½ mm. thick and ¾ mm. apart, Holyoke in large sans-serif capitals and Mass in lower case capitals of the same type. 3c, 1910.

Chicago, Ill.—(No. 1153) 10c, 1913, Parcel Post.

Waterbury, Conn.—Two lines (Waterbury—Conn.) horizontal inscription between lines 9½ mm. apart, and ½ mm. thick. 3c, 1910.

Boston, Mass.—Two lines (BOSTON—MASS) horizontal inscription in large sans-serif type, letters 3½ mm. high, two lines above and below, 13 mm. between lines containing the inscription, ¾ mm. between lines above and below, lines ½ mm. thick. 4c Parcel Post, 1913. Reported by Fred L. Pauly.

Mansfield, Mass.—Two lines (Mansfield—MASS.) horizontal inscription between two lines, 14 mm. apart, lines about ¾ mm. thick. 1910, 4c, 6c; 1912, 8c.

North Adams, Mass.—Three lines (NORTH—ADAMS—MASS.) horizontal inscription in large capitals, with serifs. 1910, 6c.

Bristol, R. I.—One line (Bristol, R. I.) vertical inscription, between two lines, 5 mm. apart, lines about ½ mm. thick. 1910, 3c, reading up.

New Bedford, Mass.—Two lines (New Bedford—Mass.) horizontal inscription between two lines, about 10 mm. apart, lines about 3 mm. thick, the whole having the appearance of being done

with a rubber stamp, all very irregular. 1910, 3c; 1912, 10c.

Mansfield, Mass.—Two lines (MANSFIELD—MASS.) horizontal inscription between two lines, 14 mm. apart, lines about ¾ mm. thick. 1910, 3c.

Foxboro, Mass.—Two lines (FOX-BORO—MASS.) horizontal inscription, large sans-serif capitals. 1910, 3c; 1912, 2c.

Bridgewater, Mass.—Two lines (Bridgewater—Mass.) horizontal inscription two lines above and below, space 13 mm. between lines containing words, lines 2 mm. apart and ¾ mm. thick. 1910, 4c.

The Rev. J. Dreyer sends us a specimen of the 2c Panama-Pacific stamp, and reports that out of five sheets of 70 stamps examined at Manchester, N. H., only 40 stamps were well centered. He also calls attention to the fact that the used Parcel Post stamps are very hard to get in good condition.

Donald Chambers reports having seen the 2c Parcel Post stamp with plate number 6178.

Harry E. Nichols reports having seen the 2c Panama-Pacific stamps, with the following plate numbers: 6310, 6311, 6312, and 6315, none of which were in the Rev. Mr. Dreyer's list printed in No. 1148.

R. H. Hartmann reports having seen the 2c of 1902, precancelled "Elgin, Ill.," and used in the regular mail, with the usual postmark.

AUSTRALIA.—W. R. Harrison is the first to show us one of the new Commonwealth issue, or the "Kangaroo" set, as it is bound to be called. The design is the same as the modified arrangement, already illustrated and described. The outline map of Australia is colorless on a line ground the Kangaroo also being in color. The inscriptions are "Australia—Postage" above "One Penny" below, with "1d" in a small circle just below the map, and a little to one side of the centre line. The stamps are watermarked Crown A and perforated 12.

Adhesive.

1d carmine.

The New England Stamp Co. has also shown us the new 1d Kangaroo stamp for the Commonwealth.

BRITISH COLONIES.—The *Colonial Office Journal* says: "Owing to the closing down of the mill at which all the watermarked paper has hitherto been made for the Crown Colonies, the necessary paper will, for the present, be supplied by the mill which is manufacturing that for the Indian stamps, and will be of the same character as that in every respect except the watermark, which will remain as hitherto. Copper plate printed stamps will continue to be printed on heavier paper, but no change will be made in the colored papers, of all of which a sufficient supply exists to last for some time to come."

CEYLON.—Grant Squires reports having found on sale Nov. 29 at the General Post Office at Colombo, Ceylon, both King George and King Edward heads. He was informed that it was the intention of the officials to continue the sale of the King Edward stamps as long as the supply lasted. The cent values were nearly exhausted at that time, but there were still several sheets of the 2r and 5r values on hand.

CHINA.—R. H. Hartmann has been informed by a correspondent at Hankow that the postal officials there say that the commemorative sets will be discontinued March 1, and all remainders destroyed.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the issue of a 1c value in the current official set, type of Scott's 02.

Official Adhesive.

1c dark green and black.

EGYPT.—Supplementing the information contained in No. 1151, Louis Voss sends us the following translation from the *Hamburg News* of a letter from a correspondent in Cairo, Egypt:—The postage stamps of Egypt are to be replaced by new ones. Entirely new drawings have been made which will be pleasing news to collectors also. The colors, too, will be changed and the size will be larger than heretofore. The inscription will no longer be in French and Arabic, but English ("Egyptian Postage") and Arabic. Each stamp will show a different picture. The one millieme stamp will show a number of barks on the Nile, the 2m the head of the goddess, Hathor, the 5m the image of the Sphinx, the 10m the two pillars of Memnon, the 20m the portico of Karnak, the 50m the picture of the citadel in Kairo and the 200m the Assouan dam.

GIBRALTAR.—The query regarding the "Paquebot" postmark in No. 1153, is thus answered by Grant Squires: "This postmark is placed upon letters by the ship's officer of any English mail steamer touching at Gibraltar, who sends the mail of the ship's company ashore already stamped ready for mailing at the Gibraltar Post office. Under English postal regulations, such letters must be forwarded if the postage has been paid by English postage stamps affixed."

GREAT BRITAIN.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the new ½d and 4d stamps. The ½d is in the same design as the King George 1½d, while the 4d is similar to the 2d and 3d values though the frame has been reengraved, and the lines thickened on the value tablets so as to appear almost solid color.

Adhesives.

½d yellow green.

4d slate green.

HONG KONG.—Grant Squires writes as follows, regarding the new stamps: "The King George series was placed on sale

40 Cyprus 1903, 1pi carmine and ultra..... \$0.60
41-43 Gold Coast 1902, 2½p, 6p (2 var.)30
88-87-88-89 Natal 1902, 3p, 4p, 6p, 6p (4 var.)65
71 Sierra Leone 1903, 5p violet and black... .40
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in Hong Kong at 10 A. M., Saturday, Nov. 9, 1912, the first complete set from the 1c to the \$10 values being mailed at that hour by the Postmaster General to King George himself. The writer bought the next set, the postmaster selecting the stamps adjoining those sent to King George."

Of the stamps shown us by Mr. Squires we note that the 6c, 12c and 20c are in the same design as the previous set, the 4c and 8c have the figures in the lower corners in colorless characters, while the 4c and 8c have large colored figures on a white ground. We have not seen the values above the 20c. Some correction must be made in the list as printed in No. 1149, the 8c being gray green and the 12c violet on yellow, in the new color scheme.

M. T. Perkins reports having seen the 10c King George on a letter, confirming Mr. Squires' letter.

INDIA.—Grant Squires reports that the rupee value of the King George stamps was to be placed on sale after Feb. 15. The values above 3r are seldom used, except upon telegrams, all of which must be prepaid by the affixed stamps.

ITALY.—Louise W. Kellogg has shown us the 2c and 5c values of Italy with the 14 different surcharges "Libia" for the newly acquired territory, formerly known as "Tripoli" and the others for the thirteen islands in the Aegean sea, occupied by the Italians during the recent war. The names of these islands as they appear on the stamps are: Calimno, Caso, Cos, Karki, Leros, Lipso, Nisiro, Patmos, Piscopi, Rodi, Scarpanto, Simi and Stampalia. Mrs. Kellogg also shows the current 10c, 15c, 25c, 40c and 50c stamps of Italy, surcharged "Libia" and the 25c and 50c values surcharged "Egeo."

Champion's Bulletin says the 2c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 40c and 50c values have all received the 14 surcharges above named.

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We shall use every possible endeavor to protect our subscribers, but we cannot undertake to be responsible for unsatisfactory trade relations. Advertisers against whom complaints are proven will be debarred the further use of these columns.

Advertisers sending out approval selections must take precautions to secure satisfactory references. We cannot undertake to settle all the petty disputes arising from the wide-spread scattering of approval selections.

We want to buy a stamp collection for cash. J. L. Wolff, 717 Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. [tf]

Do You Use Wolsieffer's Approval Cards? [tf]

U. S. Nos. 85, 94 and 114, uncanceled, no gum, but beautiful copies, the three for 55c, 1/4 cat. Last week's ad still good. CROWELL STAMP CO., Cleveland, O. [tf]

Selections of desirable stamps sent on approval at 70% discount from cat. prices. Ref. required. J. EMORY RENOLL, Hanover Penna. [tf]

1500 mixed foreign 15c, 1000 mixed Japan 25c postpaid. Will you look at good clean approvals at 66 2/3% disc.? ROBT. MILLARD CO., 325 W. Ferry Ave., Detroit. [tf]

Best approvals. 65%. Reference. H. F. KOHR, 816 E. 41st St., K. C., Mo [tf]

6800 stamp collectors read this paper. They will read your adv. as you read this.

Collectors: I have a large dealers stock which I am desirous of exchanging for stamps for my private collection. Would like to enter into ex. relations with any serious collector. All stamps marked by Scott's 1912 cat., send along a trial lot. I collect everything in stamps. Dealers and Publishers kindly send lists or sample copies. F. B. ELDREDGE, A. P. S. No. 3245, 17 Jefferson Street, Attleboro, Mass. [tf]

25 different British Colonials to applicants for approval selections who send 2c postage. C. E. NICKLES, 122 Florida Ave., Washington, D. C. [tf]

Exceptional 75% Approvals. References. W. M. McCutchen, 85 Myrtle Av., Plainfield, N. J. [tf]

Free, 8 Var. unused for name and address three collector, and 2c postage. U. T. K. STAMP CO., Utica, N. Y. [tf]

40 var. So. and Central America, and 1000 Foreign, mixed, 25c. D. L. CURRAN, 66 Thorp St., Binghamton, N. Y. [tf]

Look up your Guatemalas. Perfect copies. Gener Stamp Co., Oakland, Cal., or Guatemala City. [tf]

This is the cheapest stamp advertising in the world, 20c per line. Try it.

PAYN STAMP CO., 138 No. Wellington St., Los Angeles, Cal., Want wholesale offers. [tf]

Approvals 50% discount, send ref. 1000 Hinges 6cts. E. B. Mattson, Newberry, Mich., Box 222. [tf]

Uruguay No. 4, 120c cat. \$30.00 No. 5, 180c cat. \$25.00. Both fine used except 120c has slight tear top mended does not show, the two \$35.00. F. H. EWALD, Riverhead, L. I., N. Y. [tf]

I have opened a branch office at 207 Market St., Room 1103, Ordway Bldg., Newark, N. J., and have in charge Mr. Leslie Davenport. We have prepared a fine lot of stamps at 1c each that we have an enormous surplus of and it will pay any collector to get in touch with us. Stamps cat. up to 10c and more are to be disposed of in this way. References please. E. H. GAMMANS, Jr. [tf]

Have you anything to buy, sell or exchange? This column only 20c per line.

Over 200 diff. U. S., including 50c & \$1.00 issues, for \$1.00. 1 lb. U. S. and For., over 200 var., 50c. Approval Sheets 75% off. Reference please. I. X. L. Stamp Co., Pleasantville, N. J. [tf]

Precanceled Proprietary. I have a few to send on approval. ROBT. WEBER, Galetton, Pa [tf]

I have about 500 old philatelic magazines to dispose of at reasonable prices. Write for list. E. G. Braislin, 84 Court St., New Bedford, Mass. [tf]

Chile 1911, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 30c, set 10c. 3 Chinese Republic surcharges, scarce 6c. Post. extra. BIRKIN in one cent approvals. Ref. A. H. KIRKPATRICK, 1742 N. 16th St., Phila., Pa. [tf]

I want to buy good U. S. postage stamps of all kinds; also imperforate revenues in pairs and strips, or will give good exchange for these. B. L. VOORHEES, 4534 Hazel Ave., Chicago. [57]

Nyssa 1901, 2 1/2, 300r, 300c. Approvals 50%. P. S. J., 250 Keap St., Brooklyn, N. Y. [tf]

You'd hardly expect to find this nugget tucked away here in the Trade Column, would you? Others ask \$20. We want \$12.50 for a fine unused Cuban 1c inverted center (No. 239a). One not so well centered \$10. A. C. ROESSLER, Newark, N. J. [tf]

Stamps cat. to 10c each on app. at 1c each. Ref. F. R. HOLLOWAY, 170 Park Pl., Akron, O. [tf]

Wolsieffer's Large Approval Selections by countries at net prices are sure to suit better grade collectors. Leaflet about them free. F. M. WOLSIEFFER, Ft. Dearborn Bldg., Chicago. [tf]

Free—Packet of stamps put up 15 years ago, to anyone sending for our 50% approval selections. INTERNATIONAL STAMP CO. OF N. Y., 3 Ann Street, New York City. [tf]

Our approval selections at 66 2/3% discount are unexcelled. To secure a trial, we offer 3 var. Postal Savings to applicants sending 5c; or 10 var. unused foreign if preferred. WRAY STAMP CO., Box 191, Grand Rapids, Mich. [tf]

5c U. S. 10 var., 8c. Illustrated album, 100 var., 250 hinges, 5c. WRIGHT, 27 Norton St., Dorchester, Mass. [tf]

One cent approvals. Try a lot, you will want more. Ref. L. J. MOULTON, Boulder, Colo. [tf]

Fine approvals 50% and net. Reference. SILAS WEATHERBY & CO., Elyria, O. [tf]

Bermuda. Superb used copies, 12 varieties, 20c post free. A. OELER, 225 Washington St., Newark, N. J. [56]

Alphabetically arranged approvals, 60% disc. Harry C. Bradley, Dorchester Center, Mass. [tf]

Wanted—Panama, parcel post, other U. S., any quantity cash or exchange. Submit offers. C. L. POND, Sta. A, Indianapolis, Ind. [55]

Congo No. 41, mint. o. g., 5c. App. for ref. J. W. Durgin, St. Johnsbury Vt. [tf]

Montenegro Nos. 74-85, \$1.75 1000 extra fine mixture. .25 If you wish fine approval sheets. Send references. G. Cannon, Spartanburg, S. C. [tf]

\$1 Cat. fine stamps 20c. None cat. less 2c. order as many as you wish guarantee all diff. Try my approvals 60%. Must have Refs. F. H. EWALD, Riverhead, L. I., N. Y. [55]

Mint Guatemala Surcharges, Post. ex. under 60c. 1908, 1c on 10c; 2c on 12 1/2c; 6c on 20c; set .07 1909, 2c on 75c; 6c on 50c; 12 1/2c on 2p, set .07 1911, 2c on 5c; 6c on 10c; set .07; all 3 sets .20 GENE STAMP CO., Oakland, Cal. or Guatemala City. [55]

Send for some panes of 6 from booklets on app. H. T. WILLCOX, Jewett City, Conn. [tf]

Wanted Philippines No. 1 to No. 6 fine new or used, also rarities and covers. E. MENDEL, 4348 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Ill. A. P. S. 1646. [56]

Precancels! 50 mixed 6c. Precancel Bulletin free. The JOHN M. STUART CO., Paris, Ky. [tf]

U. S. 1858, 10c green, 30c. 1861, 12c black, 40c, good copies. Pan Am. set, mint, 50c. List free. A. D. KRAUS, 340 Dodge St., Buffalo, N. Y. [tf]

Russia 1913, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 14, 15k. Set of 8 stamps new 50c and postage. FORDHAM STAMP CO., Fordham, N. Y. [tf]

Dealers, Collectors, save money. We have arranged several lots of good stamps in books, each book containing 60 diff. cat. from \$3 to \$4. We offer same at 50c per book, or 5 books for \$2.25, being less than 1/4 cat. Try a lot and you will come again. NEWARK (N. J.) STAMP CO., 330 Johnson Ave. [tf]

Gentlemen: Why not request a sample copy of "Gammans' Stamp Notes"? It will only cost you a cent. 61 Nassau St., N. Y. City. [tf]

Contagious.—Every one will catch it. Write HARRISON, B526, Hartford, Conn. [tf]

5 original covers cat. 30c. 12c. Approvals 60%. PROVIDENCE STAMP CO., Providence, R.I. [tf]

8 varieties Brazil 10r, No. 174 to 500r, No. 181, only 12c post free. Fine line of 20th Century, South Americans on approval, 60% to 75% Discount. R. J. WAGNER, Fostoria, O. [5]

Free—50 var. for requests for our 50% approvals, and name and address one honest collector. POTOMAC STAMP CO., 1852 Monroe St., Wash., D. C. [tf]

Wanted—For cash or good exchange, U. S. Department stamps, surcharged "Specimen"; also desirable Match & Medicine and Revenue stamps to fill in our stock. What have you to offer? SOUTHERN STAMP CO., P. O. Box 644, Norfolk, Va. [5]

Best approvals at 50% disc. ELIOT F. WRENN, Wilmette, Ill. [tf]

Excellent approval variety 60%. Reference required. C. L. SEYMOUR, Oswego, N. Y. [tf]

New customers mean new stamps, and vice versa U. 2. approvals are gaining both ways, every day. Will U. 2. be a new customer? Premiums of Jan. 25th still good. MRS. L. W. KELLOGG, West Hartford, Conn. [5]

Omaha mint strips of three or five with imprint and plate number, all values, double face. Postage extra. CHARLES F. DOSCH, Jr., Westville, Ohio. [5]

Novelty sheets 50% dis. Refs. SUNSET STAMP CO., San Antonio, Texas. [tf]

U. S. 1902; 1c green imperforate, mint .10 Lincoln, 2c perf. or imperf., mint, each .04 50 diff. So. and Cent. Am. 20th century .25 W. W. DAYTON, Nashotah, Wis. [tf]

LIBERIA.—Whitfield King & Co., have shown us two new provisionals from this country, or rather varieties of stamps previously issued. Scott's Nos. 112 and 319 have been issued perforated instead of rouletted, thus constituting a distinct variety. No. 319 has the frame in black and the centre in ultramarine.

NETHERLANDS.—George H. Sleeper has shown us a copy of the 1/2c rose of 1876 which has the top perforation across the stamp just above the central circle so that the name of the country is entirely missing.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Albert H. Gleason calls our attention to the fact that the 3c of 1898-99 is to be found in two distinct types, one being nearly 1 mm. taller than the other. Both have the American Bank Note Co. imprint.

NICARAGUA.—George H. Sleeper shows us several curiosities from this country as follows: a. A copy of Scott's No. 647, used for postage; b. The 2c of 1900, surcharged "Impuesto de Caminos—Vale \$10." used for postage and Scott's No. 896, the back being printed like Scott's No. 285 with a broad black bar across the printing.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the Vasco da Gama set with "Republica" surcharge, and also several of the recently issued bisected provisionals.

RUSSIA.—William L. Aldrich & Co. have shown us the complete set from 1k to 70k as noted last week. When seen in their true colors these stamps present a very striking and beautiful appearance. The designs with portrait of the present Czar are especially well designed. We have also been shown a set of these stamps by the New England Stamp Co.

PARCEL POST MAPS AND GUIDES.

The attention of postmasters is directed to the last cover page of the parcel post regulations. The widest publicity should be given to the fact that a parcel post map and accompanying guide may be purchased by remitting 75 cents in postal money order to the Chief Clerk, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C. Stamps, checks, bank money orders, drafts, etc., are not acceptable for this purpose and will be returned to the sender if received.

The price of the parcel post guide is 55 cents and the map 20 cents. However, patrons must be informed that the map is useless without the guide, and that the guide is useless without the map.

Postmasters will furnish to the public upon request information relative to changes in the parcel post guide and regulations.

THE RIDDLE SOLVED.

Herbert F. Butler furnishes a correct solution to the riddle published two

Japan, 5 yen, No. 113 fine, used	.18
Japan Offices in China, 10, 15, 20 sen, (cat. \$19.00), per 100 sets	\$2.00
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*St. Kitts, same values	.65
*Australia Commonwealth, Kangaroo (just out)	.03
Post. 2c extra. A. C. ROESSLER, Newark, N. J.	

Try our 50% Apps. Packet free. COWAN & MORTIMER, 5442 Cornell Ave., Chicago. [5]

Unused Patiala, cat. 12c, free to applicants for my bargain approvals, who enclose references. C. H. Issler, Corliss Terrace, Worcester, Mass. [57]

Try my approvals at 60% Dis. from Scott's. Ref. required. CARL N. SCHMALZ, Box 325, Huntley, Ill. [58]

This is remarkable and greatly unexpected. If 9c more had been taken out of these Exchange books, you would have disposed of 90% of the total value.—Andrew J. Hatch, A. P. S. 4006.

For full particulars of the Mutual Stamp Exchange write I. C. GREENE, Box 343, Fitchburg, Mass. [5]

Free: 5 Diff. Mexico Stamps to applicants for approval sheets. 50%. Lists Free. WEED STAMP CO., Centerville, Mich. [5]

weeks ago, and we print the same here-with though the advertisement should be worth something to Brodstone in dollars and cents. Here it is:—

Office of PHILATELIC WEST
L. T. Brodstone, Editor
Superior, Neb.

Mr. Hitchcock:

See you are after papers that claim big circulation. Think "West" got the most. Real glad to have you check up and think will help some. Pleased to hear.

Only. "Brody."

Geo. W. Linn calls our attention to the fact that the above skit as it appeared two weeks ago was originally published in the *Philatelic Error* at the Detroit convention of the A. P. S. We are pleased to give credit where credit is due.

EXHIBITION NEWS.



The Secretary of the great stamp Exhibition, John A. Klemann will shortly send out notices to all the members of the association requesting them to vote for ten directors, who will be elected on March 10th next. The directors occupy a very important office although their duties will be confined to the week of the exhibition, when they will be expected to receive the foreign notables and prominent officers of the government. Mr. Klemann will send each member a set of the superb commemorative stamp, these are printed in six colors, blue, green, red, orange, olive and lake, they are certainly the finest specimens of stamp engraving ever made and a grand advertisement for their makers the Hamilton Bank Note Co., of New York. Collectors desirous of joining should send in their names together with one dollar immediately which will enable them to vote at the coming election and will also secure them a complete set of the beautiful souvenir stamps.

THE COLUMBUS STAMP EXCHANGE.

We have received from Ernest S. Jaros, advertising manager for A. Lazarus & Co., Columbus, O., additional particulars of the boys' stamp exchange that this firm has established. The meetings of the Exchange are held weekly, the first being Jan. 11 when 109 boys attended. Sixty-three stamp prizes were given to those who either were or desired to become collectors.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, 110 attended, of which number 96 received gifts. On Jan. 25 the attendance was 125 and 111 boys received gifts.

The membership cards were started on Jan. 18 when 96 members were enrolled. The next week 46 more were enrolled, making a total of 142 members.

Most of the boys come at 2 o'clock when the Exchange opens and stay the rest of the afternoon. Two very large tables are reserved for them, one for reading and the other for trading. The boys in pairs and groups make the place look like a young stock exchange.

A dozen collections are usually brought by their owners and a little later a nice prize will be given every boy who can show a neatly mounted collection. Mr. Jaros, who can be addressed in care of the firm, offers any possible help to stores or stamp collectors clubs which would care to take up the Boys' Stamp Exchange in their respective cities.

Besides stamp papers, other boys' magazines are received regularly and placed upon the reading table.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

A GUIDE TO CLASSIFICATION—(Continued).

Dansk. Vest Indsk.—Danish West Indies.
Deutsche Reichs Post.—An inscription, meaning "German Imperial Post," shown upon all the stamps of the German Empire issued from 1872 to 1889.
Deutsches Reich.—The Teutonic rendering of "German Empire" as shown upon all the current stamps of Germany.
Deutsch Neu Guinea.—German New Guinea.
Deutsch Ostafrika.—German East Africa.
Deutsch Sudwestafrika.—German South-west Africa.
Diligencia.—The only inscription, apart from the value, shown upon the stamps forming the first issue for Uruguay.
D. J.—These letters overprinted upon the 5c stamps of the 1892 issue for Oboko signify they were intended for use in Djibouti.
Dragons.—These, with a few Oriental characters, form the chief portion of the design of the early stamps of Japan.
Duc. di Parma.—Duchy of Parma.
Eagle.—A double-headed eagle forms the main design of many of the stamps of Austria, Austrian Italy, and Bosnia. In the case of the latter only the numerals of value are given; the stamps for Austria have values in "kreutzer" or "kr"; while those for Austrian Italy have value in "centes" or "soldi." A set for use in the Austrian Post-offices in the Levant can be distinguished by the value which is expressed as "sld" instead of "kr."
Egyptiennes.—Egypt.
Emp. Ottoman.—"Ottoman Empire" or Turkey.
Escuelas.—The only inscription shown on many of the stamps of Venezuela.
Espana.—Spain.
Estero.—This overprint on Italian stamps shows they were for use in the Post-offices maintained in the Turkish Empire.
Estensi.—The inscription identifying the stamps of Modena.
Figures.—None of the stamps of Brazil issued prior to 1866 bear any indication of their origin. The designs consist of large figures only (denoting the facial values) on an engraved background.
Franco.—This word, meaning "free," is the only inscription (other than the value) shown on some of the stamps of Switzerland.
Franco Bollo.—(See "Bollo").
Franco-Scrisorei.—An inscription shown on the early stamps of Roumania.
G.—This letter, overprinted on certain stamps of the Cape of Good Hope signifies they were for use in Griqualand.
G & D.—These letters, overprinted on certain French Colonial postage due stamps, show they were for use in Guadeloupe and Dependencies.
G. F. B.—These letters were overprinted on some of the stamps of Tonga to convert them into Official labels.
G. P. E.—These letters were overprinted on certain French Colonial stamps for use in the colony of Guadeloupe.
Granadina.—This name appears on the 1859-60 stamps of Colombia.
Guyane Francaise.—French Guiana.
Guinée Francaise.—French Guinea.
Guy. Franc.—An overprint applied to certain French Colonial stamps intended for use in French Guiana.
Helvetia.—Switzerland.
H. H. Nawab Shah Jahan Begam.—The only English inscription on many of the stamps of Bhopal.
H. I. & U. S.—Hawaiian Islands and United States. This inscription appears on one of the rare 13c Missionary stamps of Hawaii.

H R Z G L.—Shown on the 1864 stamps for Holstein.
Imper. Reg. Posta Austr.—Austrian Levant.

Instruccion.—The only inscription on some of the stamps of Venezuela.
IONIKON.—Ionian Islands.
Island.—Iceland.
Jeend.—Jhind.
K G L Post Frm.—On the early stamps of Denmark (value in skillings) or Danish West Indies (value in cents).
Kamerun.—Cameroons.
Karolinen.—Caroline Islands.
Kais. Konigl. Oesterr. Post.—On many of the stamps of Austria.
K. K. Post-stempel.—On the early stamps of Austria (values in "kr") and Austrian Italy (values in "centes").
Korea.—Corea.
KPTH.—Crete.
Kr. (or "Kreutzer").—Shown on many of the stamps of Austria.
Land-Post.—On some of the local stamps of Baden.
Lion.—The most prominent feature in the design of the early Persian stamps.
Magyar kir. Posta.—Hungary.
Marianen.—Marianne Islands.
Maroc.—Morocco (French offices).
Marruecos.—Morocco (Spanish offices).
Marschell-Inseln.—Marshall Islands.
Mejico.—Mexico.
Mocambique.—Mozambique.
Modonesi.—Modena.
M. Q. E.—These letters overprinted on certain French Colonial stamps signify they were intended for use in Martinique.
 (To be continued.)

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Year Book of the U. S. R. S.—We have received from W. W. Norton, the secretary of the U. S. R. S. a copy of the Year Book for 1912. It is the sixth annual publication of the Society and will prove of permanent value by reason of the inclusion of the 1912 prize essay "Metallic Tax Stamps for Cotton" by Chas. A. Nast. The article is fully illustrated and will prove of permanent value. The Year Book contains the customary minutes and list of members.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

(For the benefit of our advertisers as well as subscribers we shall keep all sales posted and desire early receipt of catalogs that dates may be promptly entered.)

Feb. 18.—Wolsieffer's 125th sale, containing collection of Dr. W. I. Mitchell, Wichita, Kans. United States and foreign, general line.
Feb. 18.—Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Sale, N. Y. City.
Feb. 19.—Sale by Eugene Klein, Inc., including stamps from collection of the late Victor Du Pont Jr. Also Panama.
Feb. 21.—Drew's 253rd sale, comprising 20th Century stamps only, in superb condition. 870 lots.
Feb. 27-28.—Collection of the late J. R. Walker, Freehold, N. J. Will be sold by the Nassau Stamp Co., 179 Broadway, N. Y. City.
Mar. 11, 12.—Sale by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., N. Y. City.

GRIEST MOVES FOR SPECIAL STAMP.

The issuance of a special postage stamp in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent is proposed in a bill introduced Feb. 7 in the House of Representatives by Congressman W. W. Griest, of Pennsylvania. In 1914 the century of peace between the English-speaking nations will be celebrated, and the specially designed stamp suggested will be somewhat similar to the stamps issued for the Hudson-Fulton celebration, the Lincoln centenary and the Buffalo exposition.

KNICK-KNACKS.

"My dime sets are the best ever offered at ten cents," advertises a dealer. Evidently, he offers them at a tenth of a dollar.

Third Assistant General Britt says that bank notes and coin are parcel post mail; and in consequence, we await the kind attention of friends.

A newspaper has it: "The revolutionists in looting the town spared the printing offices, strangely enough." They had the surcharges in mind.

The Honorable Mr. Stamper of Virginia has been advanced as a cabinet possibility for Postmaster General to lure philatelic support away from Parnassus Penflip.

"I got my start as a collector in looking over the album of a neighbor," confesses a writer. It is something to admit it, anyway, old Moonrise.

"My stamps laugh with me when I am glad and sigh with me when I am sad," gurgles one of the ecstatic school of philatelic writers. They must be of the 90% off class.

When Mr. Wolsieffer's clerk asked for fifty each of the five and ten cent Pacific-Panama stamps at the Chicago office, the postal chap said that no such quantity could be sold to one person as these stamps were issued for stamp collectors. Anyway, Mr. W. is a stamp dealer.

"A merry quip of mine has gained a wide currency and lest you receive it in garbled form, I shall send you the authorized version," writes one of them. "I haven't the twenty-cent parcel post, the one with the aeroplane," casually remarked one of a group of philatelists, and quick as a flash, I volleyed, "Get it at once; it is bound to rise." Do you pay for items of this kind? No, we charge to print them.

DO NOT REMIT IN STAMPS.

The expense and trouble attached to the cashing of stamps is so great that remittances in the future must be made by express, or money order or by check. Better still, enclose a dollar bill and renew for two years.
 This notice applies to advertisers as well, unless 10% is allowed for discounting.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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 Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 7.30 P. M.

ANNUAL JOLLIFICATION.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 11, 1913.

DEAR SIR,—
 The next meeting of the Society to be held at the Club Room, 322 Tremont Building, on Tuesday, February 18th, at 7.30 p. m., will be the Anniversary Meeting, and as usual a special program will be provided, including An Exhibition of Original Covers, by A. W. Dunning.
 A Specialized Collection of Persia belonging to Chas. S. Hill.
 A Talk, illustrated by a specialized collection, on China, by C. A. Howes.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

Preceding the meeting there will be a dinner at the City Club, 9 Beacon St., served at 6 p. m. Tickets, \$1.25. A large gathering is expected. Kindly send word on enclosed postal card whether you expect to be present or not.

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*Col. Rep. Medallion '02, 10, 20, 50c	.. 1.08
" Bolivar '79, 5c imperf. pair	.. .50
*St. Kitts, '82 1/2, 1, 4p	.. .38
*Honduras, '98, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20c	.. .59
300 all different foreign stamps	.. ?

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Seychelles '92, 3 on 4c	cat. value .18
Chile '92, 15, 25c, 1p	.. .23
Guatemala '02, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10c	.. .13
*Costa Rica '89, 1c to 1p, 7 var.	.. .27
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" 25c Warehouse Receipt	.. .50
" 100 all different	.. ?

Remit 10c for 10 weeks and Your Choice

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Nominees for office for the coming year:—

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Secretary, S. M. Edwards.

Treasurer, J. N. Morse.

Ex. Committee, H. E. Carpenter, J. H. Fountain, Nicholas Adler.

Send in votes promptly.

New member, No. 220, J. A. Nosworthy, Maxwell Road, Blenheim, New Zealand.

Application to be re-instated, Edw. W. Heusinger, San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Heusinger was a charter member, being No. 9, resigned June, 1899; became a member again, then resigned again Sept., 1904. Proposed by S. M. Edwards.

Resigned, Henry Ades Fowler.

Dues received since last report from 137, 217 and applicant, total \$1.50.

In my report for December the total receipts was printed \$3.00; the secretary reported \$5.00.

Members sending in the names of foreign applicants should charge 60 cents instead of 50c, as the postage on correspondence by the secretary is more than on internal correspondence.

It is advisable that we do not give away our list of members to non-members. Let the one wanting our list become a member. The secretary is in possession of information that a non-member has been sending to members an account of a great find of postals and offering to members. Many members have a great many duplicates that they wish to dispose of at very reasonable prices. Patronize these first.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.

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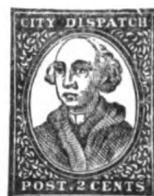
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The story of this portrait, the best known likeness of the "Father of His Country," should be familiar to all. The artist was Gilbert Charles Stuart, an American painter, who was in England until after the Revolution. He then became desirous of painting his most illustrious countryman, and returned for the express purpose. While Congress was in session at Philadelphia in 1794, Stuart went thither with letters of introduction to Washington from John Jay. He first met his famous subject on a reception evening, and was greeted by him with dignified cordiality. Familiar as was the artist with eminent men, he afterwards declared that no human being ever awakened in him the sentiment of reverence to such a degree. For a moment he lost his self-possession—with him an experience quite unprecedented—and it was not until several interviews that he felt himself enough at home with his sitter to give the requisite concentration of mind to his work.

The portrait itself was finished in due course, but the background was never filled in, and in that condition it still remains. At the same time he also painted a portrait of Martha Washington, which remains in like condition. Concerning these portraits Miss Stuart says: "When General and Mrs. Washington took their last sittings, my father told Washington it would be of great importance to him to retain the originals, to which Washington replied: 'Certainly, Mr. Stuart, if they are of any consequence to you; I shall be perfectly satisfied with copies from your hand, as it will be impossible for me to sit again at present.' The copies made from the originals were for Mount Vernon. A short time after these last pictures were finished, the President called on my father to express the perfect satisfaction of Mrs. Washington and himself at his success."

The above extract apparently refutes the common story to the effect that Stuart's first trial did not suit him and was erased; that the next attempt was the one under discussion, which was so successful that the artist did not want to part with it, keeping it "unfinished" as an excuse, while he made copies of it.

After the death of Stuart these two portraits were offered by his widow to the State of Massachusetts (the artist's home was in Boston) for the sum of one thousand dollars, which offer was declined. Subsequently an English gentleman offered ten thousand dollars for the pair; but while Mrs. Stuart was hesitating, thinking they ought to remain in America, he became impatient and departed. Some time after that, an offer of fifteen hundred dollars was accepted from the Washington Association and other gentlemen who, in 1831, presented them to the Boston Athenaeum, whence the name usually applied to them. Here they remained for fifty years, when they were transferred to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, where they now are.

We give a cut of the Milbury stamp to show how much it does not look like Washington, although supposed to have been copied from the New York stamp. We also include a cut of one of the New York Carriers' stamps, for practically the same reason. The latter belonged first to a private delivery company, which so cut into the Post Office business that the Government practically bought them out by employing them, adding the name "United States" to the former title of "City Despatch Post." These were really the first stamps in this country and

the first following the example of Great Britain. The Confederate States likewise chose to represent Washington on one of their issues, as will be seen by the 20c green of the 1863 issue (Scott's A9), and adopted the Athenaeum portrait which was very well reproduced. It might be added, in passing, that the head of Martha Washington on the current 8 cent stamp is from the companion portrait of the Athenaeum Washington, which was spoken of above.

But one other portrait of Washington has been employed upon the United States stamps. The ninety cent values of both the 1857 and 1861-8 issues present features of quite a different aspect from the venerable face of Stuart's. The original was a full length figure of Washington painted by John Trumbull, another American artist. He knew the General at the outbreak of the Revolution, when he was about forty-five and in the prime of life, and was with him again toward the close of the war in 1782-3. No other artist saw more of Washington under circumstances so favorable to a study of his person and character, and none was honored by him with more sittings.

Trumbull, in his autobiography, says: "In 1792 I was again in Philadelphia, and there painted the portrait of General Washington which is now placed in the gallery at New Haven, the best, in my estimation, which exists, in his heroic military character. The city of Charleston, South Carolina, intrusted William R. Smith, one of the Representatives of South Carolina, to employ me to paint for them a portrait of the great man, and I undertook it *con amore*, (as the commission was unlimited,) meaning to give him military character, in the most sublime moment of its exertion—the evening previous to the battle of Princeton; when viewing the vast superiority of his approaching enemy, and the impossibility of again crossing the Delaware, or retreating down the river, he conceives the plan of returning by a night march into the country from which he had just been driven, thus cutting off the enemy's communications, and destroying his depot of stores and provisions at Brunswick. I told the President my object; he entered into it warmly, and as the work advanced, we talked of the scene, its dangers, its almost desperation. He looked the scene again, and I happily transferred to the canvas the lofty expression of his animated countenance, the high resolve to conquer or to perish. The result was, in my opinion, eminently successful, and the General was satisfied. But it did not meet the views of Mr. Smith. He admired, he was personally pleased, but he thought the city would be better satisfied with a more matter-of-fact likeness, such as they had recently seen him—calm, tranquil, peaceful. . . . Another was painted for Charleston, agreeable to their taste—a view of the city in the background, a house with scenery, and plants of the climate; and when the State Society of the Cincinnati of Connecticut dissolved themselves, the first picture, at the expense of some of the members, was presented to Yale College."

Trumbull claimed that his portrait represented Washington as he knew him, and as he was known to his associates, the members of his military

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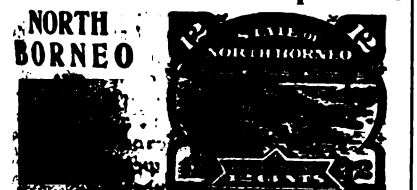
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BOSTON, MASS.



A GREAT COLLECTION

AT AUCTION IN MAY, 1913

We take pleasure in announcing that we have recently secured for auction the superb collection of Mr. Henry Chapman, of Philadelphia. Mr. Chapman has been an ardent collector for over forty years and has bought heavily in this country and Europe, having accumulated a wonderful lot of stamps both new and used. We are preparing an important section of the collection for auction and expect to have the large illustrated catalogue ready for mailing in April. The U. S. postage stamps are about complete, both new and used and in magnificent condition with numerous splendid shades. The Departments are complete and immaculate, and the foreign stamps will be a revelation.

Intending exhibitors at the International Exhibition to be held in New York next October will find this a golden opportunity to complete their collections and to improve stamps in faulty condition. Write to-day to have your name put on our mailing list. Our March Stamp Drummer will contain more detailed information. [48]

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family. He said his aim was "to preserve the military character of the great original," and that "in the countenance of the hero the likeness, the mere map of his face, was not all that was attempted." It is a good portrait, and many artists affirm that, from internal evidence, it is doubtless the truest likeness of the man.

We now come to the third representation of Washington, the profile bust. The Act of Congress approved March 3, 1851, reduced the single rate for letters to three cents, and the new issue required in consequence shows the features of the first President in this form upon the stamp for ordinary correspondence. A list of the stamps bearing this profile bust is as follows:

Issue of 1851-7, 3 cents.
" 1861-8, 3 cents.
" 1870, 3 cents.
Departments, 1873, 3 cents.
Issue of 1883-8, 2 cents.
" 1890-4, 2 cents.
" 1908-9, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c,
10c, 13c, 15c, 50c, \$1.00.
" 1910, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c,
and 15c.
" 1912, 1, 2 cents.

Newspaper, 1865, 5 cents.

This likeness is taken from the marble statue of Washington in the State Capitol at Richmond, Virginia. The story of the statue is as follows: The General Assembly of Virginia, soon after the declaration of peace that closed the Revolution, decreed a statue to General Washington, to be placed in the Capitol in Richmond, and "to be the finest marble and best workmanship." Jefferson and Franklin, being then in Paris, were authorized to select the artist, and they chose Jean Antoine Houdon. Concerning him Jefferson wrote: "He is the finest statuary of his age," and again: "He is without rivalship in it, being employed in all parts of Europe in whatever is capital."

It was necessary for Houdon to see Washington to take his figure, and the latter wrote him: "It will give me pleasure, Sir, to welcome you to this seat of my retirement, and whatever I have or can procure that is necessary to your purposes or convenient or agreeable to your wishes, you must freely command, as inclination to oblige you will be among the last things in which I shall be found deficient."

Houdon reached Mount Vernon on October 3, 1785, and remained a fortnight, during which time he took a cast of the face, head and upper part of the body, and minute measurements of his person, and studies of the costume of the period which Washington daily wore.

The artist was to receive as compensation for the statue and pedestal, 25,000 livres or \$5,000, and his expenses for the trip to Virginia reimbursed to him. In addition, his life was to be insured during the time of his absence from France. The contract allowed him three years for the completion of the statue, and it was done within the time.

The State Capitol, however, was not finished, so that the statue was not shipped until its site was ready for it. It was finally erected in the quadrangle of the Capitol on May 14, 1796.

The statue is a remarkably fine piece of chiseling, the treatment of the face being so delicate that it needs but the flush of natural color to make it absolutely lifelike. It presents the figure erect, the head uncovered, the sword on the left, the cane in the right hand, and the fasces and plough at his side. It is exact life size—six feet two inches in height. Those acquainted with Washington have pronounced this statue the best representation of his person which exists. Lafayette, on his visit to America in later years, pronounced it a "facsimile of Washington's person." It therefore well deserves the place which has been given it upon the stamps of our country.

Beside the adhesive stamps, the Houdon bust has been placed upon all the envelope stamps bearing Washington's head. All the Civil War revenues, also, had Stuart's portrait as an invariable center piece down to 1875. On the proprietary issues from 1875 to 1881, however, Houdon's profile bust appears. The Stuart portrait will likewise be found upon a beer stamp of 1878, a tobacco stamp of 1868, a snuff stamp of 1872, and a few stamps for imported cigars.

SINN FEIN STAMPS TABOOED.

Herbert Samuel, the Postmaster General, who has been steadily cultivating popularity in Ireland, has suddenly come into conflict with the "Sinn Fein" element by curtailing their sources of revenue.

For some years the Sinn Feiners have used an adhesive stamp supposed to be emblematic of their protestations against English domination in Ireland. This stamp, which corresponded in size with the ordinary official one, every good Sinn Feiner was expected to use in connection with his correspondence. Some of the more militant actually appropriated the customary position on the front and relegated the official mail stamp to the back of the envelope.

The Postmaster General has now declared that he will be responsible no longer for the delivery of any mail packet or letter bearing a Sinn Fein stamp. This decision must seriously affect the revenue account of the Sinn Fein movement.

THE DALAI LAMA'S NEW STAMP.

Tibet is shortly to be provided with a distinctive postage stamp issue in place of the overprinted Chinese stamps recently withdrawn from sale. The necessary dies, etc., are said to have been manufactured in India, and the stamps will be brought into use on the return of the Dalai Lama to Lhasa.

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NOTES—MAINLY PALCEL POST.

By WM. E. MARSH.

Where is the three center? In this postoffice, Oklahoma City, none have been on sale and the deputy postmaster informs me that none have passed through the mail here. I have handled several hundred incoming parcels so far and have seen none.

Perfect specimens are not very numerous relatively. The postage series are cut into panes of one hundred, which gives 19 stamps to the pane with one or more straight edges. The parcels post series are forty-five to the pane, which gives 14 with straight edges. This is 31 per cent. against 19 per cent. in the postage series.

The perforations so far are poor. With larger stamps and fewer to the sheet, theoretically the stamps should average up with much better centers than in the postage series, but such is not the case.

There is plenty of variety for the cancellation cranks. So far the writer has seen the regular circles, smudges, rubber stamp, pen and a beautiful precancel from Cleveland, Ohio. Most of the cancelling is light enough to leave the specimens in fairly good shape.

It is going to be much easier to get a full collection of all the values than it has ever been with a postage series. Firms who find use for the system discovered the first week that it would be advantageous to keep all values on hand and stocked up accordingly. So we do not get many pairs of a smaller value, instead of one of a larger, as was customary on the old postal classification.

By the way, we all call it "parcels post" but the stamps are officially designated by the P. O. Department as "parcel post."

The chap who discovered the colorless dots on the due series and reported same to the WEEKLY, ought to have a gold medal and the minor variety extremists will howl with delight.

It is reported from Lincoln, Neb., that wholesalers and others who had on hand large stocks of high values of the postage series are kicking because they cannot be exchanged for the P. P. stamps. Little justice in this kick as they had six months to unload.

Another ruling last week by the department threw a large part of the old third class mail into the new class. Some rather remarkable hairsplitting develops as usual. The writer submitted a large printed catalogue to the local P. O. for a ruling. It was ruled that it was printed matter but if a couple of order blanks were pasted in it, it would be parcels post, or the same result would be accomplished by attaching a small sample of the goods offered for sale.

The writer is here alone, more lonely than a genuine original on the Heligoland page. He lived in Minneapolis four years without ever discovering that "McCann can" then moved to Columbus Ohio and had a royal good time with the Columbus Stamp Collectors Club. But out here so far he has not struck the bunch if there is any bunch. So if this falls before the eye of any Oklahoma City collector, just look me up at the Western Newspaper Union.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

(For the benefit of our advertisers as well as subscribers we shall keep all sales posted and desire early receipt of catalogs that dates may be promptly entered.)

Feb. 27-28.—Collection of the late J. R. Walker, Freehold, N. J. Will be sold by the Nassau Stamp Co., 179 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Mar. 4-5.—Sale by Eugene Klein, Phila., Pa. Specialized China of Julius Levy. Also other countries.

Mar. 11, 12.—Sale by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., N. Y. City.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

MORGANTOWN, N. C., Jan. 19, 1913.

TO THE EDITOR:—

In re "We Should Wonder," Mr. Richard's statement is not wholly clear. I suppose he meant that this specialist collector bought at auction for his collection a stamp which on examination proved to his satisfaction a counterfeit. His duty then was to have notified the auctioneer that the stamp was in his opinion a counterfeit and that he held it subject to the auctioneer's orders. The specialist had no property in the stamp and no right to mark it in any way and he was entirely outside of his rights when he marked the stamp. No man can legally act as judge, jury and executioner in a case where he is personally interested. If he wants to sit in judgment and pronounce a stamp counterfeit, which has not been submitted to him for expert examination, and then pay only the counterfeit price, when there is no fixed or catalog price for counterfeits he ought to be made to pay the full bid price.

Yours fraternally,

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Morgantown, N. C.

TO THE EDITOR:—

For a number of years I have enjoyed the WEEKLY, but for a time I suffered a philatelic hiatus due to stress of business. I have never seen anything published about the Merchants' Union Express Company Newspaper stamps. I have a set of five of these stamps on parts of the original covers: A 5, 25 and 50 on one strip of cover and a 10 on a separate piece. The stamps are 3 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches, imperforate, black on yellow wove paper. The ornamental border in the upper corners suggests the ornamentations in the corners of the 1c and 3c stamps of the 1861-67 postage issue. In the lower left hand corner is an express team, a steamboat dock and a mail train, the locomotive recalling our old friend of the 3c stamp of '69. In the center is a larger numeral underlying the printed directions in delicate cross-line lithograph. These artistic labels, or stamps, are surcharged in red by the New York agent's name. "The charges on this package are prepaid over the Railroad & Steamboat lines occupied by this Company subject to the following conditions," says the superscription.

In view of the adoption Jan. 1st, this year, of the Parcels Post, the circular letter of instructions issued by the Merchants' Union Express Company, which fell into my hands with the stamps, is interesting. It reads: "The New York News Co., No. 8 Spruce St., Opposite Tribune Building, New York, June 15th, 1867.

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ANENT C. F. RICHARDS' "PROBLEM."

By E. B. HILL.

The "certain specialist" who purchased a stamp at auction, and upon investigation found it to be a counterfeit, should have returned it in the condition in which it was sent to him. He had absolutely no right to mark it in any way, until the stamp became his property by purchase. It was merest presumption to accuse the owner or the agent of any intent to defraud. As a question of ethics, I think it apparent the "specialist" was the self-acknowledged perpetrator of the greatest discourtesy, if indeed his act were not held altogether a dishonest one. Both agent and owner might be held justified in declaring the stamp returned, not the stamp which was sent. Its condition would be proof.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Herman W. Boers says he has tried fifteen dealers to obtain the stamps he advertises for in the Small Ads. Column. Possibly you can accommodate Mr. Boers.

—"Your paper is the best stamp paper, published and I subscribe to ten. The other nine can't hold a candle to yours."

—ALLAN L. TOMES.

—W. E. Beam, Bedford, Pa., calls our attention to the reports concerning the 1c parcel post stamps used as regular postage. Mr. Beam believes from an examination of a number of covers bearing these stamps that instead of being mailed as first class the envelopes contained matter properly belonging to the parcel post service.

—In the quarter page advertisement of the Ararat Stamp Co. were one or two mistakes that the firm does not charge upon the printer, and which we are glad to correct. A set of Austria Levant 1908 had the 1pia advertised at 5c when the 2pia should have been advertised. Under New South Wales the 2sh 6p advertised at 15c should have been dated 1905 instead of 1902.

—Frank C. Davis submits two covers showing Italian military franks, stamped in blue and purple ink respectively. Two large circles surround the Italian coat of arms, the space between the circles being occupied with a description designating the regiment or division. The postmarks on the two envelopes are Tripolitania and Bangasi.

—We are indebted to W. O. Thiede, Appleton, Wis., for a specimen of the 1c parcel post precanceled "St. Louis, Missouri" in two lines in sans serif caps with rules above and below.

—The H. S. Powell Stamp Co., Storm Lake, Ia., is sending out their new price list in a 1907 No. 13 1c white open end stamped envelope. The firm will be very willing to send a copy of the list to anyone who has not received the same.

—The manager of the Robt. Millard Co., Detroit, Mich., writes, "This is our fourth year of advertising with you and no one has ever complained of the quality of our stamps."

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from P. S. Hedrick (8), Hugo Kuenstler (9), F. W. Lynes (10), Geo. W. Schaefer (3), Edw. Luedke, Herman W. Boers.

—A. B. Frawley announces this week that his business will in the future be conducted under the name of the Washington Stamp Co. The Company will make a specialty of wholesale lots and particularly Cuban.

—The annual banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society will be held Thursday evening, Feb. 27, at the Palmer House. Tickets are \$1.50 and the same can be obtained from P. M. Wolsieffer, chairman of the banquet committee.

—We have received the prospectus of the International Philatelic Exhibition to be held at New York in October. A copy can be obtained from John A. Klemann, 179 Broadway, N. Y. City.

—We are indebted to M. Swenson, Gabriel Cannon, Edwin J. Abbott, T. C. Whallon, H. V. Blackburn, Henry Jonas, S. M. Wallin, F. W. Palmer, John U. Hoffman, Harry Gordon and others who have not sent their names for copies of the Jan. 18 issue of the WEEKLY that were desired for the completion of our office files. Other copies received will be acknowledged next week.

—"I have been a subscriber to the WEEKLY from Vol. I, and have been reading and enjoying the paper for 27 years and hope to continue for a good many more."—HENRY JONAS.

—F. J. Stillman, Riceville, Iowa, whose large advertisement will be seen elsewhere in this issue is an oldtime friend and patron of the WEEKLY, and our readers may be assured of perfectly

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—Twenty-five stamp collectors met on Saturday evening, Feb. 15, in the Y. M. C. A. Building, Minneapolis, Minn., and organized what is to be known as The Twin City Philatelic Society, with an object to promote philately in all its branches and bring the collectors of St. Paul and Minneapolis together for mutual advantage. The society starts with twenty-four charter members and with bright prospects for a big increase in membership. Officers elected for one year:—E. J. Gifford, St. Paul, Minn., Pres.; Burt McCann, Minneapolis, Minn., V. Pres.; G. M. Brach, St. Paul, Minn., Sec.-Treas.; Gerald D. Burgess, Minneapolis, Minn., Sales Supt.

CHAMPION'S WHOLESALE LIST.

We have received many letters this season asking for addresses of wholesale stamp dealers. The number of American wholesalers that we were able to supply has been limited but a price list just at hand from Theodore Champion prices stamps by the 10, 50, 100 and even 10,000 pieces, covering a wide range of countries. In addition to single stamps there is a good line of sets and what are termed "special offerings." The book runs to more than a hundred pages, is issued each month, and will be sent postfree to any dealer requesting it. This notice is designed to aid the many dealers who have written us for information about wholesale offerings.

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EXHIBITION NEWS.



By EUGENE KLEIN, Chmn. Publicity Com.

The following names have been added to the Committee of Honor:—The Philatelic Society of New Zealand; Sydney Philatelic Club; Mr. C. F. Williams, Sydney, N. S. W.; Sr. Jorge E. Rodriguez, Buenos Aires, Argentine; Rittmeister W. von Polansky, Warsaw, Russia.

A letter was received from C. F. Williams, President of the Sydney Philatelic Club, expressing cordial feelings and wishing much success to the coming Exhibition. A donation was also enclosed.

The silver award cups which were presented by the Scott Stamp & Coin Company and the New England Stamp Company are being exhibited in the show window of the former firm at 127 Madison Ave.

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A Word of Welcome—Two thousand or so persons who manifest varying degrees of interest in stamp collecting will see a copy of our paper for the first time, in all probability. To them we extend the hand of philatelic fellowship and we cordially invite them to ally themselves with progressive philately. This paper designs itself to be the mentor of the average collector. While by no means ignoring the advanced or serious side of philately, yet it is to the collector of the masses that the most direct and general appeal is made by the WEEKLY. We thoroughly understand the aspirations of these collectors and we can have no loftier ambitions than to conduct them into the pleasanter fields of philately with the wish to unfold the underlying attractions of our pursuit.

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A Block of Grills—A block of eleven unused three-cent 1867, grided, has been acquired from the lower right hand corner of the pane of one hundred stamps, —there are three rows of three stamps each and adjoining the top row of three stamps is a pair, all flanked by the marginal strips at the right side and bottom. The gridding of United States stamps is being made the subject of study by specialists and this block is a helpful example, so to say, of the application of the grill. The peculiarity of the block under notice is that two stamps of the eleven are grided abnormally, while the others are grided the regulation 11 by 13. The two stamps are grided 11 by 15; on one of them the two extra rows of points giving the 15 instead of 13 dimension are plainer than on the brother stamp on which the extra rows are only faintly punctured. The third stamp in the row next to the two large grill specimens is the normal 11 by 13. As has been said by writers on the subject, the varieties of grill were caused primarily by the wear of the "embosser" which caused the operator to remove one or more rows at the edges of the "embosser," horizontally or vertically or both. It is known that this planing off of the

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outer rows of embossing points was done with uniformity on all the "boss" bases; and the variations described are exceptional on the same sheet. In explanation of the two 11 by 15 grill, Mr. F. G. Cornwall, president of the American Philatelic Society advances the theory that it was the intention to plane off the "bosses" but through some inadvertence it was not done, although the appearance of the grill on the second stamp shows that the two rows of nodules at the top had been slightly smoothed off.

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No Stopping Him—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who spilled tobacco from his pipe as he looked over the pages of his album? Is he playing Authors somewhere with the o. f. c. who never bothered to remove any paper that happened to be on the backs of used specimens before placing them in his stamp book? What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who says that you should have seen the stamp stall that he had at the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876? Is he hibernating somewhere with the o. f. d. who for the last thirty-eight years has been threatening to quit the stamp business because collectors no longer are the buyers they were once?

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In Ward Thirteen—Said the attendant at the Asylum for the Addled: "Yes, I have got to feel like a brother towards him even though his case is a puzzling one. He calls himself August but that is not his real name. You see, it was this way; he bought the three-cent 1861 issue by the thousands until he had a million of them, I guess and then he started in to search for the August variety. When he got to the 739,624th stamp or so without discovering one, his mind collapsed. Now he thinks that each one of the stamps is the August variety and he spends all his time figuring up how much he could sell them for; that is why he looks so happy."

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Two On One—A most interesting item is before us and we believe that a description of it will warm the cockles of the heart of the cover collector who seems to be more aggressively to the fore at present than at any time in the past, although it must be admitted that the cover enthusiast is a recent product. The cover under notice is one on which the one real yellow, Mexico, 1856, is used in conjunction with the ten-cent 1851. The Mexican stamp is obliterated Parral in blue oblong frame extending lengthwise across the stamp and overlapping the stamp both at top and bottom; and the United States ten-cent, 1851, is postmarked, Steamship, so as to include the two stamps and the cover in the range of its impression. Above the stamps is the postmark, New Orleans, Dec. 13, La. At the top of the letter-sheet the sender inscribed the instructions: "Via Vera Cruz y N. O., E. U." The cover was addressed to a point in Pennsylvania, and a notation on it, presumably by the recipient, is "1857." It may be added that the district name on the one real stamp, Mexico, 1856, is Chihuahua, the state in which Parral

is situated. We have seen many combinations of Hawaiian and United States stamps on the same envelopes and also of British Columbia and U. S. stamps; and have heard of Cape of Good Hope and United States stamps used side by side on the single cover but until informed to the contrary, the cover that has been described is advanced as being unique.

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Sinpod's Search—Sinpod the stamp sage says that he has tabbed a collector who asked for his money back when the stamp that he bought jumped instead of declined in catalogue price: A collector who never yet made the discovery that a nice specimen he had just bought was neatly repaired: A society member who always paid his yearly dues in his organization in advance and (according to a ribald reader) a subscriber who once saw something akin to a joke in the WEEKLY.

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Still Faithful—Dr. E. W. Hodsdon has found the old-fashioned Postmaster who is true to the memories of the past; and he submits documentary proof, we may say, in confirmation of his discovery. A Postmaster of a little New Hampshire town still uses an old "Paid" handstamp although he employs it to stamp money order bills that have been paid. Dr. Hodsdon remarks: "The Postmaster who held the office from 1865 to 1873 used the same stamp. I write this as there are probably few of these old stamps in existence." A sheet of paper bearing of the paid imprints is enclosed in the letter and the familiar "Paid" seems strangely out of place when not seen on the envelope or on its stamp. It may not be known generally that some lovers of United States stamps make a sort of side specialty of U. S. stamps with Paid cancellation, which is met with oftenest, in the 1861 issue, we should say.

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Our Loss—Expressions of sympathy have been received particularly from the older readers and advertisers of the WEEKLY, on the death of I. A. Mekeel, not a few of whom enjoyed the personal acquaintance of Mr. Mekeel. Appreciative biographical notices have appeared in different of the leading class publications; and in the *Philatelic Journal of America* for February, there is an authoritative and illuminating sketch of his life and business career from the pen of I. A. Mekeel's eldest brother, C. H. Mekeel of St. Louis.

NEW WATERMARK FOR BR. COLONIALS.

It is announced in the *Daily Express* that permission has been obtained by the Colonial Authorities from the Postmaster General to adopt the royal cipher watermark, recently employed for the stamps of Great Britain, for future issues of British Colonial stamps. Should this change be made it will in all probability be gradual, the new paper being used only as stocks of the old become exhausted. There are not likely to be any wholesale withdrawals such as are now taking place with the King Edward stamps.—*Whitfield King's List*.

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CHAPTER XXIX.

2 Cents Issue of 1870-1879.

One of the most difficult stamps to accurately classify in its different printings and shades is the 2 cents, issue of 1870 to 1879, inclusive. It is rather a handsome stamp to look upon, shades beautifully, and a fairly complete collection makes up a few pages of which any collector might be truly proud.

The stamps were issued almost concurrently with the three cents of the same printing—probably about the middle of April, 1870. But contrary to the general understanding of collectors and students, the first stamps were not grided. This furnishes good grounds for me, personally, not to divorce the printings and classify the grided as issue of 1870 and the stamps without grille as issue of 1871—upward. If proof is needed that stamps without grille appeared before the grided variety, he can turn to the record of plates used. The earliest plate numbers of the stamps without grille are 12, 13, 14, and 15. The grided stamps were printed from plates numbered 36 and 45.

But, as the catalogs, check lists, etc., treat the stamps with grille first, I will, at least, accommodate my chapters to the same form. Mr. Tiffany, in his excellent book on the stamps of the United States, mentioned only a few sizes of the embossing. Mr. Luff, in his later magnificent work, mentions three sizes. There are three additional sizes to be added, with probably more to be discovered as the study of the stamps progresses. The sizes identified to date, so far as I am able to learn, are:

Size.	Points.
8 x 9	10x11
8 x 10	10x12
8 x 10 1/2	10x13
8 1/2 x 10 1/2	11x13
9 x 11	12x14
10 x 12	13x15

An interesting and very scarce variety is the "end roller grille" in which the grille extends from top to bottom of stamp. The grided stamps are found in the following shades—red brown, pale red brown, and orange red.

The stamps without grille differ in no respect from those with the embossing, except that there is a larger range of shades. Mr. Luff classifies the shades as: pale red brown, red brown, deep red brown, orange brown, brown and dark brown. To this list I have nothing to add. The stamps were printed from the following plates: Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 28, 30, 31, 35, 45, 46, 47.

The number of stamps issued from April, 1870, to April, 1873 was 240,735,900.

The only interesting variety in the un-grided stamps, is chronicled by Mr. Luff as a 2 cent stamp, and half of another, postmarked from Hardy, Ala.,

April 2, 1872. I do not, however, assert that this is the only variety existing, because many heretofore undiscovered, or rather unchronicled, things are coming out.

When the Continental Bank Note Company took over the contract to make the stamps it created an opening for deep study, some worry, and much doubt and confusion on the part of thousands of stamp collectors. The company engraved a secret mark into the design in such a manner that it often becomes a deeply guarded secret, which is revealed to no one. The catalogs and handbooks describe this secret mark so completely that I do not need to discuss it, except to say that a strong magnifying glass, and an overwhelming power of oratory are often necessary to convince one as to whether the stamp is National or Continental print.

The stamps provided by the Continental Bank Note Company were printed from the following plates: Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 167, 168, 169, 234, 241, 242. There were issued from April, 1873 to April, 1876, 253,097,050 stamps.

Mr. Luff gives the following shades: red brown, deep red brown, orange brown, dark brown, black brown, gray brown, bistre brown, brown. This list appears to be very complete.

The chronicled varieties are: Double paper, vertical ribbed paper, horizontal ribbed paper, grided.

Of the varieties I have little to say about the double paper. It is a scarcer stamp than the catalog value indicates. Notwithstanding the omission from the catalog in recent years of the ribbed paper varieties, they do exist and are not scarce. The ribbed effect was caused by passing the paper between rolls of which the faces were slightly fluted. The grided stamps were not intended for postal use, but for legal purposes.

In June, 1875, the color of the 2 cents stamp was changed from brown and its shades to vermilion. and many of the old plates were used for printing. Some new plates were made for later printings. Following is a list of plate numbers used: 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 234, 241, 242, 245, 246, 296, 297.

Later the stamp, in vermilion and shades, was printed upon a soft, porous paper. The catalogs and text books attribute the printing of the stamps on this paper to the American Bank Note Company, successors to the Continental Bank Note Company. But authentic copies of the stamp on soft paper printed prior to 1879, by the Continental Bank Note Company exist, as is proven by year dated post marks.

If I may be allowed to digress from the topic for a moment, here is a valid reason for the collecting of year dated

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cancellations. I have been criticised for advocating or advising the collecting of year date cancellations. If it were not for the collection of these such facts as I have stated herewith, and in other cases before (with more evidence to come) would never be proved.

The shades given to this stamp are: vermilion, scarlet vermilion, orange vermilion and orange. Please mark that last shade—orange. It is a rare stamp and possessed by but few collectors.

Plates number 296 and 297, made by the Continental Bank Note Company were used by the American Bank Note Company. In addition the following plates were made by the last named concern: 338, 339, 392, 393, 394, 412, 413.

Both the 2 cents brown and 2 cents vermilion figure in the Special Printings of which less than 400 copies of each were sold to the public. The remainder were turned back to the postoffice department and destroyed.

The 2 cents vermilion printed upon the double paper, is a rare stamp and few collections possess the true one. Soft papers have been split by "jokers."

Proofs should, by all means, be collected both on cardboard and India paper.

(To be continued.)

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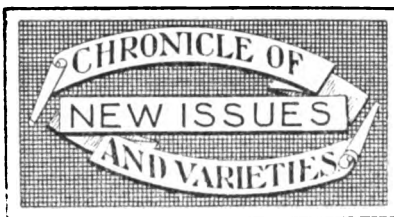
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1862, 5 cent, brown, o. g.	1.50
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1867, 90c new, o. g.	10.00
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1869, 15c No. 119, new	1.25
1869, 24c new, gum	2.00
1869, 30c new	5.00
1869, 90c, used	6.00
1869, reissue, 2c o. g., superb	2.50
" 6c o. g., superb	4.00
" 10c o. g., superb	5.00
" 30c new, superb	8.00
" 90c new part gum, superb	17.00
1871, 7c new, no gum	1.50
" 12c new, no gum	2.50
" 24c new, no gum	2.00
1873, 90c mint, block of 4	8.00
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1879, 30c mint block of 8	5.00
Interior, soft paper, 24 cent, pair, mint, perfect	40.00
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Periodicals, card bd. proofs, 1874, 24 pieces	3.50
Rev. Inland Exch. \$2.50 imperf. pen canc.	7.00
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Barbados, 1861, 6p No. 20, o. g.	3.00
" 6p No. 20a o. g.	3.25
" 1871, 1sh, No. 28, o. g.	6.00
" 1871, 4p No. 26	1.50
" 1871, 4p No. 30, new, fine, very rare	30.00
Br. Guiana, 1866, 6p mint	4.00
Cape of G. H. 1868, 1p on 6p No. 21	1.75
Canada, 1869, 10p No. 18, o. g.	2.00
Canada, 1867, 6p No. 10	4.00
Col. Rep. 10 pesos No. 128, new	3.25
" 5 pesos, No. 138, blk. 4 mint	6.00
Danish W. 1. 14c No. 12, used	3.00
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Dominica, 4p, No. 10, new	5.00
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Same as above, new	2.75
Grenada 1883, 6p, No. 24, blk. 8 mint	2.00
Gt. Brit. 1883, 2sh 6p and 10sh, o. g.	3.25
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New Zealand 2p, No. 49, new	1.50
Niger Coast 10sh, No. 56, mint	3.25
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" 2sh 6p, No. 54, sheet of 30 mint	23.00
Portugal 25r, No. 6, new	3.00
Queensland 2sh, No. 62, o. g.	1.25
" 3p, No. 27, new	3.50
Russia, 7r, No. 54 mint	4.00
" 34r, No. 53 mint	2.00
" Off. in Turkey, 3k, No. 13, new	2.00
St. Lucia, 4p, No. 5, new	2.00
" 4p, No. 5a, new	2.00
" 1886, 5sh, mint	1.75
" 1886, 10sh, mint	3.25
St. Vincent, 1sh, No. 9	2.00
" 6p, No. 8	2.00
" 4p, No. 16	3.00
" 1sh, No. 18	3.00
" 6p, No. 21	2.50
St. Kitts, 4p, No. 6, new	3.00
" 4 on 6p, No. 17, new	2.00
So. Australia 1871, 4p, slight tear	2.00
Trinidad, 1p, No. 3, blk. of 4 mint	4.50
" 1p, No. 1a, pair mint	8.00
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" 1sh, No. 3, o. g.	2.75
Victoria 1p, No. 134, new	2.50
" 2sh, No. 139, new	4.00
" 6p, No. 17, new	2.00
" 1sh, No. 18, o. g.	2.00
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UNITED STATES.—Hermann Focke writes as follows in re the Parcel Post stamps: For some time past I had intended to call the attention of the interested parties,—in this case the kickers—to an absurdity, or may be a little joke on the 10c value of this much abused, all-pink-set of Uncle Sam's philatelic creations, regarding which stamp the WEEKLY states on page 39 that "the picture is taken from a painting of the North German Lloyd Express S. S. 'Kronprinz Wilhelm' entering New York Harbour," etc.

Anybody knowing New York must notice that the steamer which is actually in motion, is not entering, but leaving the harbour, as in a far distance behind the boat are visible New York's skyscrapers, (at least that is what I make out of the background), so that evidently the picture was taken from a place near or on Staten Island, with the boat heading for the Narrows and Lower Bay.

Now, then, this being the case, it will be surprising to see the mail tender at the steamer's side, a thing that never happens with an outgoing mail steamer,—the last mail being received on the dock up to ten minutes before sailing time—the mail boat only going out to meet the incoming steamers, to take off the mails while the latter are delayed at the Quarantine Station.

In other words: we have here an incoming Ocean Steamer (never mind its foreign nationality) which is actually outgoing, or an outgoing steamer with the mail tender at her side, a thing that never happens. I venture to say that there ought to be more people to discover this mistake than those that could have seen the "Gatun Locks" blunder on the 2 cents Panama-Pacific Exposition stamp, of which, it is said, vast quantities had to be destroyed when ready for delivery, because a wise one discovered that the picture actually represented the Pedro Miguel Lock. The picture on this latter stamp is too small and too little known to attract the attention of a dozen people all over the United States. To correct the mistake on the 10c Parcel Post stamp, it would be necessary to re-engrave the background by substituting lower Manhattan by the "mountains" of Staten Island, which would, no doubt, please the many ardent collectors on the Island.

R. W. Boisselier shows us the 1c Panama-Pacific stamp with inverted watermark from plate No. 6127. It is to be supposed that all these stamps like the regular postage stamps are to be found with both normal and inverted watermarks, as the printers are reported to

make no distinction in placing the paper on the press.

We are indebted to John Fischer, S. E. Young, M. D., and others for specimens of and information regarding the 2c Panama-Pacific stamp.

Frank Kocher shows us a 2c envelope which has a 5c parcel post stamp affixed both cancelled. This was used to carry laundry slips, which should have been rated as third-class matter.

S. E. Young, M. D., writes as follows: "I have the 1 cent Panama-Pacific stamp plate No. 6132, with inverted watermark. Also 2 cent parcel post due, plate No. 6243, and 10 cent parcel post due, plate 6250, watermark inverted. I received a letter from Washington, D. C., dated January 31, which states that the 3c parcel post stamp had not been issued at that date, but gave no reason for the delay. So far I have seen the following parcel post precancels: Cleveland, O., 1 cent. St. Louis, Mo., 1 cent, Chicago, Ill. 1, 15, 20 cent.

"The envelopes referred to by W. J. Prinzing and E. M. Deterly, in your notes of Feb. 1, simply contained samples of goods manufactured by the firms sending them out, which samples are available at parcel post rate, together with printed matter descriptive of such samples. Of course such packages must be open, else first class rates apply.

"The Third Assistant Postmaster General states in a letter dated Feb. 3rd that 'No steps have been taken to issue the Panama-Pacific or the parcel-post stamps unperforate'."

K. P. Smith sends us a number of current envelopes indicating that the old knife is coming into common use again. He also sends the following list of current envelopes, some of which we have not listed:

Watermarked "U S—S E—1911".
Old Knife, 2c, size 13, white, die A.
New " 2c, " 5, " C.

"U S S E—1911".
Old Knife, 1c, size 13, white, die B.
" " 1c, " 13, blue, " A.
" " 1c, " 13, buff, " A.
" " 2c, " 13, amber, " C.
" " 2c, " 13, white, " C.
" " 2c, " 13, " " A2.
" " 2c, " 5, amber, " A.
" " 2c, " 5, blue, " C.
" " 2c, " 5, " " A.
" " 2c, " 13, " " E.
" " 2c, " 13, " " A.

"U S P O D—1911".
Old Knife, 2c, size 5, white, die A2.
" " 2c, " 5, " " C.
" " 2c, " 13, " " A2.
" " 1c, " 5, " " A.
" " 1c, " 5, " " B.
" " 1c, " 5, " " A.
" " 1c, " 13, blue, " A.
" " 2c, " 13, white, " E.
" " 2c, " 5, amber, " C.
" " 2c, " 5, white, " C.
" " 2c, " 5, " " A2.

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3 U. S. Postage 1904, Louisiana	20 Italy
7 U. S. Dues	8 Jamaica
5 Am. Rapid Teleg'ph	20 Japan
3 B. & O. Telegraph	*4 Laurence Marques 1911
9 U. S. Documentary 1898	10 Luxemburg
5 U. S. Documentary 1900-02	*5 Martinique
Angola 1911	*5 Mauritania
12 Argentine	6 Mauritius
25 Austria	12 Mexico
9 Austria 1900	4 Monaco
9 Austria Due 1910	*4 Mozambique 1911
Azores 1911	*4 Mozambique Co. 1911
5 Bavaria Official	4 Natal
10 Belgium Packet	*5 New Caledonia
5 Bernuda	6 Newfoundland
12 Brazil	10 New South Wales
5 Brazil Official	18 Netherlands 1898-10
5 Bulgaria 1886-03	6 Netherlands Due
15 Canada	10 New Zealand
10 Cape of Good Hope	*6 Nicaragua 1882
4 Cape Verde 1911	*6 Nicaragua 1890
12 Chili	*6 Nicaragua 1892
10 China	*6 Nicaragua 1893-4
10 Costa Rica	*6 Nicaragua 1898
*6 Costa Rica 1889	*6 Nicaragua Official 1892
*6 Costa Rica Official 1889	*7 Nicaragua Official 1890
3 Crete 1900	*6 Nicaragua Due
3 Crete 1908	4 No. Borneo 1887-90
3 Crete 1909 Surch'd	15 Norway
10 Cuba 1866-82	10 Peru
12 Cuba 1883 and later	6 Persia 1902
5 Cyprus	10 Porto Rico
25 Denmark	*6 Portugal's India 1911
4 East Africa and Uganda	*6 Roumania
*5 Ecuador 1891	7 Roumania 1907-09
*5 Ecuador 1892	3 Roumania Jubilee head
*5 Ecuador 1894-5	4 Roumania Jubilee pictorial
*5 Ecuador Official 1892	15 Russia
10 Egypt	*5 St. Pierre Miquelon
12 Finland	*5 St. Thomas 1911
25 France	*5 Salvador 1890
4 France 1881 Unpaid	*5 Salvador 1891
Canton	*5 Salvador 1892
*5 Hoi Hao	*5 Salvador 1893
*5 Kouang Tchou Wan	*5 Salvador 1894
*5 Mongtsen	*5 Salvador 1896, 2nd issue
*5 Pakhoi	*5 Salvador 1897
*5 Thong King	*5 Salvador 1899
*5 Yunnan Fou	*5 Senegal
*5 French Guiana	10 Serbia
*5 French Guinea	7 Serbia 1905
*5 Gabon	25 Spain
*5 German Empire	12 Spain 1901-05
*5 Gold Coast	7 Federated Malay States
20 Great Britain	30 Sweden
6 Grt. Britain Official	13 Sweden 1872-87
10 Greece	9 Sweden 1891-00
Greece 1896 Olympic	8 Sweden Official
Greece 1900	*7 Switzerland 1881
Greece 1911	12 Switzerland 1882-04
3 Grerada	10 Tunis
*5 Guadeloupe	10 Turkey 1905
10 Guatemala	5 Turkey 1909
*4 Guinea 1911	4 Turkey Newspaper 1908-9
3 Hawaii	*5 Upper Senegal
5 Havti 1906	10 Uruguay
3 Hawaii	15 Wurtemberg
*6 Honduras 1895	*4 Zambesia 1911
*6 Honduras 1903	
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Whitfield King & Co. are informed that the black surcharges are considered unsatisfactory, and are to be replaced by a new printing of all values with red surcharges.

HONG KONG.—T. Hurd Kooker also takes exception to Mr. McArthur's statement regarding the new 10c stamp, as he has one postmarked "Nov. 16, 1912."

INDIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 4a stamp of the King George series, which presents a very fine appearance both in color and design. The portrait is framed in a large oval with rosettes in the corners and the value "4As" in tablets at the sides.

4a olive.

JAPAN.—On account of the accession of the new Mikado, a new series of stamps is in preparation and will be ready in June next.

NORTHERN NIGERIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us two more values in the King George set.

Adhesive.
5d lilac and pale olive.
9d lilac and carmine.

RUSSIA.—Maury's *Collectionneur* illustrates and describes further values of the new pictorial set, which number 17 in all. The rouble values are slightly larger than the kopec values, and with the exception of the 5r are oblong rectangles. The 1r shows a view of the Kremlin at Moscow, the 2r the Winter Palace at St. Petersburg and the 3r the ancient Palace of the Romanoffs. The 5r has a portrait of the present Czar. Like the kopec values the higher denominations present a very fine appearance, being moreover in striking contrast with all previous issues. The kopec values are typographed, while the rouble values are printed in taille-douce. The colors described in No. 1154 were taken from a French contemporary and we find that the 10k is in bright ultramarine, the 7k in dark brown and the 15k in red brown.

Adhesives.

1r yellow green.
2r brown red.
3r dark violet.
5k black brown.

Offices in the Levant.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that the new series of Russian stamps has also been issued with new values surcharged in Turkish money. The values are 5, 10, 15 and 20 paras, and 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3½, 5, 10, 20, 30 and 50 piastres.

SEYCHELLES.—The 3c value in the King George set has been shown us by Whitfield King & Co.

Adhesive.
3c green.

SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE.—Whitfield King & Co. show us the 4a value of the new series.

Adhesive.
4a black and green.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 4d value in the new King George set.

Adhesive.
4d carmine and black on yellow.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.—Hermann Focke shows us the first of the new issue for these two islands. Tobago has been using the stamps of Trinidad since 1899, without any distinction. *Ewen's Weekly* says that six values, ½d, 1d, 2½d, 4d, 6d and 1sh, have been printed with the dual designation. The design is the same as Scott's A11, except that the figures of value have been removed from the upper corners to give place to "Tobago," and the word "Penny" is color on a colorless tablet at the bottom. All values are to have Arabic figures, to comply with the rules of the Postal Union.

Adhesive.
1d carmine.

URUGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 4c Artigas stamp in the new lithographed issue.

Adhesive.
4c orange.

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" 3c purple.....	253	100	.25	" 5c green.....	141	100	.10
" 4c dark brown.....	254	100	.20	*1896, 5c blue.....	151	168	.15
" 8c puce.....	257	100	.30	" 1c violet.....	148	65	.10
1898-9, 4c rose brown.....	280	740	1.25	" 5c blue.....	151	200	.20
1898, 1c yellow green.....	285	100	.65	" 10c green.....	152	100	.30
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" 5c blue.....	304	100	.10	" 25c ultra.....	85	100	.20
" 8c violet black.....	306	90	.20	*1891, 5c green.....	141	100	.05
" 10c red brown.....	307	77	.05	*1896, 1c violet.....	148	200	.25
1903, 2c carmine.....	314	800	.30	" 5c blue.....	151	200	.10
1908-9, 1c green.....	323	1000	.90	" 5c blue.....	151	100	.05
" 2c carmine.....	324	1800	.60	MEXICO			
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" 6c red orange.....	328	300	1.20	1903, 5c orange.....	307	44	.05
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THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

A GUIDE TO CLASSIFICATION—(Continued).

Multiple Watermark.—A multiple watermark is a repetition of the same design so arranged that several portions of the design show on a stamp in place of one complete design (single watermark).

Napoletana.—Naples. (See under "Two Sicilies" in Scott's catalogue.)

N. C. E.—These letters overprinted on French Colonial stamps indicate they were intended for use in New Caledonia.

Nederland.—Netherlands (Holland).

Ned. Indie (or Nederlandsch-Indie).—Dutch Indies.

Nieuwe Republiek, Zuid-Afrika.—New Republic, South Africa.

Nlle. Caledonie.—New Caledonia.

Norddeutscher Postbezirk.—North German Postal District. These stamps were used just prior to those for the German Empire.

Norge.—Norway.

Nouvelle Caledonie.—New Caledonia.

N. S. B.—These letters overprinted on various French Colonial stamps indicate that they were intended for use in Nossi-Be.

N. S. W.—These letters are the only indication of the country of origin shown on the Postage Due stamps of New South Wales.

Nueva Granada.—New Granada. The name appearing on the 1861 stamps of the Republic of Colombia.

N. Z.—The first postage due stamps for New Zealand bore these letters in place of the full name of the Colony.

Oesterreichische Post.—Austrian Post. On most of the issues which appeared prior to 1908 the name is abbreviated to "Oesterr."

Oranje Vrij Staat.—The Dutch form for "Orange Free State" as shown upon the earlier stamps of the country now known as the Orange River Colony.

Oriental Inscriptions.—Many stamps bear no inscriptions in Roman characters but are lettered in Arabic or other Oriental devices. Under this heading we find such stamps as Afghanistan, many of the Native States of India, Abyssinia, and Turkey. Those of Afghanistan are usually circular in shape and the center is filled with a tiger's head or a further inscription in native characters; those of Abyssinia show a portrait or a lion with a flag; those of Turkey show a star and crescent; while those of the Indian States can only be identified by reference to the illustrations in a catalogue.

Orts Post.—The only inscription on

one of the stamps of Switzerland issued in 1850.

Ottoman Empire.—Turkey. (To be continued.)

SHORT REPLIES.

W. W. (Philadelphia).—The paper used by the National and Continental Bank Note Companies was similar and for all practical purposes the differences, if any, could be told only by an expert. The 1c to 15c values printed by the Continental Co. can be distinguished by the so-called secret marks. In the case of the other values the colors are the only reliable test and it is not possible to describe these lucidly in print. The paper used by the American Bank Note Co. was quite different. It is softer to the feel, slightly thicker, and is more coarsely "woven" so that it appears to be watermarked with innumerable minute dots. (2) There is no difference between the 3c, 4c, 5c, and 6c stamps of the 1910 issue and those now in use. These are the only values of the series which underwent no change. They differ from the issue of 1908 in being watermarked with single-line instead of double-line letters. (3) The differences between dies I and II of the 1/2d and 1d King George stamps of Great Britain are as follows:—In die II of the 1/2d the portrait has been redrawn the features being much more distinct; in die II of the 1d the portrait has also been redrawn but the best test lies in the lion at base which is now shaded all over.

J. T. P. (New York).—The variety of the Cuban overprint you have with the "O" of "PESO" broken so that the letter looks like a "C" is certainly a collectible variety.

C. H. (Cleveland, O.).—One of the stamps you describe is evidently a German telegraph stamp while the other is a German local.

H. B. (Cedar Rapids, Iowa).—The Wurttemberg stamp of which you send a drawing and which you cannot find in the catalogue is an envelope stamp.

E. L. K. (Chicago).—The Russian letter you found watermarked in your Russian stamp is part of an inscription appearing in the sheet. (2) I do not know what the word stamped on the back of your Argentine stamp means unless it was placed there before use by the firm or individual using it. (3) The stamps in the booklets are in pages or blocks of six (three rows of two each). A sheet of waxed paper is inserted under the gummed side of each

page to prevent the stamps sticking together.

F. D. (Fall River, Mass.).—Yes, if the paper of your Honduras stamp is distinctly thicker than that of the other values of the series it should be classed as a variety.

AUSTRALIAN NOTES.

By YARROO.

According to the budget speech of the Prime Minister and Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. A. Fisher, the postal revenue of the Commonwealth has not decreased this year, although the rates were reduced to a universal rate of 1d per 1/2 oz. throughout the Commonwealth and Papua.

The old rates varied in each state but was 2d per 1/2 oz. between any two states and in some the minimum was 2d for a 1/2 oz. letter. The 1d stamps being used only for invoices and printed matter. This result indicates that the postal business must be booming.

The 2d Victoria surcharged 1d have come and gone; there are several reasons given for their use and the generally accepted one is that a shortage of paper occurred, owing to some shipment going astray. Evidently considerable speculation took place and the stamp is hardly likely to ever become of much value.

Although supposed to be on the eve of the issue of our first Commonwealth issues, varieties still continue to appear. Queensland is reported with the 2d blue. Crown over A paper perforated 13x11.

The writer has seen the Tasmania 1 1/2 penny surcharged on 5d with the surcharge inverted. It was evidently a most peculiar accident; these stamps were in a block of 24 stamps of four rows of six stamps. Taken from the centre of a sheet to which a block of four stamps had become attached inverted. The result was that the block of four stamps got the surcharge inverted and the original sheet had four stamps without the surcharge. This must have been a great find for some fortunate purchaser.

Gilbert and Ellice Islands with a white population of something under 200 people, are now out with their King George V issues. What proportion is their postal, to their total revenue likely to be? These issues undoubtedly suit Philatelic dealers both amateur and professional, but surely it is time the matter was brought under the notice of the Universal Postal authorities.

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61 Br. Cent. Africa 1903-04, 3p violet.....	.15
42 Cyprus 1903, 4p green and violet.....	1.00
2 East Africa-Uganda 1903, 1a carm. & blk.....	.10
66 Fiji 1903, 6p violet and carmine.....	.25
29 Gambia 1902-03, 1p carmine.....	.10
43 Gold Coast 1902, 6p violet and purple.....	.25
48 Grenada 1902, 1/2p violet and green.....	.10
42 Lagos 1903, 2p violet and ultra.....	.05
21 Leeward Islands 1902, 1p violet & carm.....	.06
20 Malta 1903, 1/2p dark green.....	.05
90 Natal 1902-03, 1sh blue and rose.....	.50
67 Orange River Colony 1903, 6p violet and scarlet.....	.05
57 St. Kitts-Nevis 1903, 1sh orange & grn.....	.05
48 St. Helena 1902, 1/2p green.....	.03
47 St. Lucia 1902-03, 3p violet and yellow.....	.35
78 St. Vincent 1902, 6p violet and brown.....	.65
85 Sierra Leone 1903, 1p violet and carm.....	.10
84 Somaliland Prot. 1904, 8a blue & black.....	.40
3 So. Nigeria 1901, 2p red brown.....	.25
10 So. Nigeria 1902, 1/2p green and black.....	.25
102 St. Settlements 1902, 1/2p green & black.....	2.50
106 St. Settlements 1903-04, 3c violet.....	.15
20 Malay States 1901, 20c black & violet.....	.30
221 Transvaal 1902, 1p scarlet and black.....	.04
222 Transvaal 1902, 2p violet and black.....	.08
230 Transvaal 1902, 3p green and black.....	.30
77-78 Uganda 1902, 1/2a, 2 1/2a (2 var.).....	.20
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EXHIBITION NEWS.



It is now thirty-four weeks to the opening of the Great International Stamp Exhibition when the elite of the world's stamp collectors will be gathered in the lecture room of the Engineers Society building to hear the address of the President. It will conclude with the announcement of the opening of the show and the marvelous collections of the postage stamps of the world can be inspected by the assembled members and invited guests. Some first class musical talent will be engaged to entertain the assembly while awaiting the formal opening. Everything is moving along in a most satisfactory manner. New members are joining every day and there is a general brushing up of collections in preparation for being entered for exhibition. A general meeting of all the members has been called for March 10th to elect ten new directors to take the place of an equal number retiring after their year of service. The meeting will be held in the rooms of the Collectors Club, 14 Park Place, New York. Notices will be sent to all members by the secretary who will also send a complete set of the Exhibition stamps. Collectors desiring to join should immediately send their dollar to the treasurer, J. W. Scott, 36 John St., New York.

KNICK-KNACKS.

Appropriately enough, many of the recent Central American issues are yellow.

Some of those scarce shades bring high prices for stamps that are off color.

No wonder the post-office clerk "sees red" at night after handling the parcel post stamps all day.

W. H. McDonald, Chicago, the demon collector of Nics, has returned from Nicaragua and other Central American points.

Gratulations, without the con, on the Philatelic Gazette's absorption of those two dandy de luxe editors, Messrs. Howes and Quackenbush.

We shall have to put Sinpod the stamp sage on the trail of the three-cent Parcel Post. Some of the postal clerks tell us that the stamp has cracked its plate.

It is hoped that there will be no tampering with the Gatun Locks stamps and that if they are consigned to the furnace, none will be "saved from the flames."

In a stamp society report: "Mr. Blank presented each member with a newly issued stamp. At the annual election, Mr. Blank was unanimously elected president amid enthusiasm." Nice work.

Borus Blurb, our home-grown poet, threatens us as follows: Short as is the month of February, I wist. It is long on joy for the true philatelist.

"Alas, all the stamps on the page of my friend's old collection were glued to the page; and all unblinded the tear welled to my eye," wails one of the philatelic sob artists. It really is hard to lift them, under these circumstances.

"I dreamed I found a block of eight ninety-cent, 1869, in immaculate condition at a little out-of-the-way post-office. Why, O. why, did I awake?" asks Throberino, that moving writer. He probably wanted to dream that he found a sheet of fifteen-cent of the same issue, inverted, as well.

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1847, 5c red brown unused o. g.	\$8.50 \$3.40	" 24c or 30c	3.00 1.25	1865, 5c rose	\$5.00 \$2.00	" 5sh violet (map) light used	.35 .15
1857, 1c Type III unused O. G.	.50 .20	" 2.00 green, used beauty	20.00 9.00	" 10c blue	6.00 2.60	Oldenburg 1852, 1-30 blue No. 1 used	.60 .28
" 1c Blocks of 4	2.00 1.20	Antigua 1882, 4p blue used	1.00 .40	1866, 3c	1.75 .75	1862, 1/2 orange No. 22	4.00 1.40
" 10c green unused O. G.	7.50 2.50	" 6p green	2.50 .95	1868, 2c brown	2.50 1.00	" 1g rose No. 23	.40 .19
" 30c orange	10.00 4.00	Bermuda 1865, 1p or 2p	.75 .25	New Brunswick 1851, 1p red	4.50 2.00	" 3g bistre No. 25	1.75 .85
" 90c blue	20.00 8.50	" 1sh green	.90 .30	1860, 1c red lilac used	1.00 .40	Seychelles 1890, 18c unused O. G.	.30 .12
1861, 90c blue lightly used	3.50 1.85	" 1873, 3p buff	4.00 1.35	" 10c verm.	.75 .25	1892, 12c or 16c	.65 .29
" 90c Lincoln, light used	15.00 7.40	" 1874, 3p on 1sh green	7.50 3.25	" 17c black	1.50 .60	1893, 45c br. & carm.	2.00 .90
1870 grided, 6c carmine	4.00 1.65	" 1875, 1p on 3p buff	4.00 1.80	" 2c orange	.50 .20	Porto Rico 1890, 4m olive green	1.25 .38
" 7c vermilion	4.00 1.75	" 1p on 1sh green	3.00 1.25	Nova Scotia 1851, 1p red br. used	10.00 4.60	1890, 6m brown unused O. G.	4.00 1.50
" 10c brown	10.00 3.50	Cape of G. H. 1863, 1p (triangular)	4.00 1.50	1851, 3p dark blue	2.50 1.00	" 8m olive-bistre	8.00 3.00
" 30c black	12.50 5.00	" 1858, 1sh green	6.00 2.20	" 6p yellow green	8.00 3.75	Virgin Isl's 1866, 1p green used	6.00 2.50
1871 or 1873, 7c vermilion, each	.35	Danish West Indies 1873, 14c used	15.00 5.30	1860, 1c or 2c	.25	1867, 4p lake used	3.50 1.50
" 12c violet	.25	France 1849, 15c green	4.00 1.85	" 10c verm. or 12c bk.	.55	" 6p rose (No. 6 used)	40.00 13.80
" 15c orange	.38	" 40c orange	1.50 .50	N. Foundland 1857, 1p br. violet used	5.00 2.00	" 1sh rose & black used	6.00 2.85
" 30c black	.25	" 1 franc carmine	1.50 .55	1857, 8 1/2 p scarlet-verm. large	75.00 26.50	1863, 1p rose	1.00 .45
1871, 90c carmine	1.25 .55	Gt. Britain 1866, 1sh green	1.00 .40	" 8 1/2 p scarlet-vermilion	12.50 7.00	" 2 1/2 p ultram.	1.25 .50
1873, 90c rose carmine	2.50 1.00	" 1867, 5p bistre	1.50 .60	1857, 2p rose unused	6.00 2.80	" 4p brick red	5.00 2.00
1879, 10c yellow brown, unused O. G.	5.00 2.00	" 10p brown	1.75 .75	" 4p	1.00 .45	" 6p violet	4.00 1.65
1882, 6c rose re-eng.	3.00 1.20	" 2sh blue	.75 .25	" 1sh	.60 .25	1867, 4p on 1sh rose & blk. used	7.50 3.80
" 10c brown	.50 .22	" 5sh rose	2.00 .80	1866, 2c green	1.50 .70	Württemberg 1851, 18kr violet	10.00 3.95
1893, 12c Columbus	.20 1.10	" 1876, 8p orange	1.25 .50	" 12c orange or 24c blue used	.50	" 1857, 18kr blue	12.30 4.90
" \$3	.30	" 1878, 10sh slate	9.00 4.00	1867, 1c brown lilac	2.00 .70	" 1861, 18kr blue	12.50 4.85
" \$4	.40	" 1881, 1sh salmon	.50 .20	" 3c vermilion	3.50 1.50	" 1863, 18kr orange	5.00 2.00
" \$5	.50	" 1883, 5sh rose	.50 .17	" 5c black (beaver) unused O. G.	5.00 2.20		
1902, \$1 black, lightly used	.40 .18	" 10sh ultra	1.25 .50	1880, 3c blue (fish)	1.25 .37		
1908, \$1 purple br.	.18	Guam 1c or 2c each	.10	" 5c pale blue (ship)	2.00 .50		
" 60c violet	.25 .09	" 5c blue unused	.50 .19	1887, 10c black (ship)	.75 .28		
Agriculture 3c yellow	.25 .14	" 15c olive	1.50 .60	1897, jub. 1-2 or 3c each	.06		
" 10c	4.50 2.00	Canada 1852, 6p green black	10.00 4.00	N. S. Wales, No. 1 (Sidney View)	17.50 8.50		
" 12c	6.50 2.80	1857, 4 1/2 p pink	6.50 3.00	" 1p red beauty	15.00 5.00		
" 15c	2.50 1.20	" 3p red	3.00 1.20	No. 4 (Sidney View) 2p blue,			
" 24c or 30c yellow each	1.80	1859, 10c red lilac	1.00 .40	small margins	15.00 5.00		
Justice 1c unused O. G.	1.50 .60	" 2c rose or 17c blue each	.65	1860, 6p violet	.35 .15		
" 12c	3.00 1.00	1868, 6c brown or 12 1/2c blue each	.20	" 8p yellow or 5sh violet	1.75 .75		
" 30c used	15.00 6.00	1875, 5c olive green beauties	1.25 .58	" 1sh rose	1.00 .40		
Navy 7c ultramarine	8.50 3.75	" 97, Jubilee 15c or 50c	.22				
" 24c or 30c	1.50	" 97, \$4.00 or \$5.00 beauties	1.25				

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MEXICO CITY NOTES.

By AZTEC.

The lack of interest in Mexican stamps which has been prevalent amongst American and European collectors for a number of years, does not appear reflected in any tendency to unload their holdings, as our local philatelists who are all keenly on the lookout for "good things," even if duplicates, are ready at all times to snap up stamps, especially if offered at bargain prices.

The local market has, for a long time past, been almost cleaned out and is kept so, to such an extent that our important collectors are constantly receiving rarities and novelties of Mexico from Paris and London. This necessity of re-importing our own stamps is caused to a great extent by wholesale lots and rare stamps being sent abroad, as the resultant price in Mexican money is generally better if the stamps are sold in the "States" or Europe, than if disposed of here, a fact brought about by the difference in value of our money, the U. S. dollar being worth two Mexican pesos. Notwithstanding this, we occasionally pick up a "find." One of our local advanced specialists, who collects everything in Mexican postage and revenue, including district surcharges, shades and papers, quite recently purchased a file from which he has secured over \$1,200.00 catalog value of the high value of old issues on original covers, of course. He is the kind, however, that absorbs everything and turns nothing loose, which in a case like this, causes "Wailing and gnashing of teeth."

Apropos of finds, Mexico is a magnificent field for such, as although traveling salesman from the principal countries. (many of whom are charged to look out for old stamps), cover the country fairly well, the proof that rich material is still available is found in the fact that there are frequent "finds" that are not "exported" but are secured by Philatelists residing in the Republic.

We have a small but enthusiastic local society or club, which meets every Friday evening in a room generously ceded for its exclusive use by Senor Balme. The meetings are generally devoted to discussing stamp "politics," (ordinary "politics" not allowed here these days) exchanging and selling. The average attendance is about a baker's dozen, quite low when it is considered that there are known to be several hundred collectors in the City. However, the even and magnificent climate which we enjoy in Mexico City all the year, attracts people out of doors after working hours and therefore stamps are only followed up enthusiastically by a very few who have the hobby deeply rooted in their hearts.

The cause for the exaggerated advances in price of the majority of old Mexican stamps, which took place in the 1912 Scott catalog, is not understood here. Some advance was and has been for several years, justified, but a jump of from one hundred to three hundred or more per cent., without warning; almost took our breath. However, we are trying to accustom ourselves to our increased riches without loss of modesty, but believe that too much preference was given by the cataloguers to the early issues.

THE MATTER OF CHEAP ADVERTISING.

When rates are compared it is always advisable to consider the question of service. Chas. A. Townsend, sending us an advertisement for the current number of the WEEKLY, writes "I am not attracted very much by special rates. I prefer to pay a price which I feel sure is paid by others."

There is a good deal of wisdom in Mr. Townsend's word of comment, based on the offer of an entire page of space at \$5 in one of our contemporaries. It was supposed to be a "bargain offer," but circulation counts.

SPECIAL BARGAINS.

All catalog prices are Scott's. All numbers in parentheses are Champion's.

Argentina 1908-10, 1p, No. 147, Cat. 40	.25	Liberia 1909, 1, 2, 5, 10c. The set	.24
So. Australia 1902-3, 3p olive, Type 2, No. 82	.08	" 1909, O. S. 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 50, 75c. The set	2.30
" 4p verm., No. 84	.20	" 1909, O. S. 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20c. The set	.60
" 1901-2, 1/2, 1, 2p, O. S. Nos. 37-39	.20	" 1909, O. S. 1, 2, 5, 10c. The set	.24
Austria 1908, 10kr, No. 117	1.00	Canal Zone 1904, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10c, Nos. 5-9, The set	3.00
" 1911, Post. due 5k and 10kr violet No. 44-45, Pair	2.00	*Patiala 1892, Service, 1r, No. 17	2.20
*Bermuda 1873, 1sh green, Cat. \$1, No. 8	.55	Uruguay 1904, 1, 2, 5c Paz., Nos. 167-169 Cat. 70	.35
North Borneo 1909, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, 20, 24c, Nos. 131-140, 142, 143, The set	.70	" 1904-5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25c, Nos. 160-166, Cat. 63, Set	.18
" 1911, 25, 50c, \$1, Nos. 144-146, the set	1.10	" 1910, 50c, 1p, Nos. 183, 194, The pair	1.40
" 1911, \$2, \$5, \$10, The set	9.00	*Seychelles 1897-00, 75c Cat. \$1.75, No. 25	1.30
*Brunei 1906, 50c brown & green, No. 22	.50	" 1897-00, 1r Cat. \$1.25, No. 26	.70
*Bolivia 1912, 5c on 20c violet, No. 94	5.00	" 1897-00, 1r 50c black & carm., No. 27	1.80
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A Review by the Managing Editor.

A goal for which we have striven for months has finally been reached and today the WEEKLY has upon its mailing list 7,000 paid subscribers. It surpasses all previous subscription marks ever attained by a stamp journal and clinches our hold upon the title "the World's Premier Stamp Paper." There is no philatelic publication in the whole world that can approach the WEEKLY in influence and advertising strength.

For some time we have made the 7,000 goal our objective point but our endeavor to more than live up to the post office regulations has delayed the attainment of our ambition. The post office department gives weekly papers one year in which to discontinue subscriptions but we have never availed ourselves of this privilege and today there are no arrearages greater than five to six months. During the next month we shall reduce the time to three months which should be an amply sufficient time in which to allow a subscriber to renew.

Three weeks ago we stated editorially that we had a celebration in mind, but we little realized then that our joy was to be dulled by the removal from our staff of Mr. Isaac A. Mekeel, whose death occurred Feb. 3 as previously announced in our columns. It had been one of the ambitions of the managing editor to despatch a letter to New York containing the news as given above for Mr. Mekeel was ever appreciative of good work upon the part of those associated with him.

The writer became acquainted with Mr. Mekeel late in the '90's when he became Boston correspondent of the WEEKLY (then published in St. Louis) as well as a frequent contributor under the caption "As In a Looking Glass." Upon the removal of the paper to New York, Mr. Mekeel seemed to feel that we were specially fitted for philatelic newspaper work and invoked our aid in the preparation of those special numbers that made the WEEKLY famous. Our first effort the Chinese special presented an array of literary matter of the highest order and this was followed by other special numbers including an Hawaiian special that was a masterpiece.

About this time Mr. Mekeel became so engrossed in business enterprises that his work on the WEEKLY was much interfered with. Mr. Severn was urged to come to New York but circumstances were such that he could not leave Chicago. Both looked around for a helper but they could not find just the one needed. A man who could edit a newspaper, know something about stamps, and do business enough to declare a dividend, was wanted. For two years Mr. Mekeel labored with us to get us over to New York, but Boston seemed good enough especially as our stamp business was in a thriving condition.

At this time *The Philatelic Era*, published at Portland, Me., by W. W. Jewett was the only rival of the WEEKLY and Mr. Mekeel decided to purchase that paper and move its publication office to Boston. This was done and the editorial and business management of the *Era* was placed in the hands of the present managing editor of the WEEKLY. The subscription price of the WEEKLY was raised to \$1.00 and that of the *Era* remained at 50c. We took hold of the new work with a great deal of vigor. Our former work on the *Boston Stamp Book* stood us in good stead and as newspaper work is to us our atmosphere the *Era* commenced to grow by leaps and bounds. No doubt the WEEKLY suffered from the rivalry of the *Era* but as the coffers of the one was the treasury of the other the Mekeel-Redfield-Severn Co. awaited the course of events.

In February, 1904, Mr. Mekeel came over to Boston and when he returned to New York he had purchased our stamps, merged the two papers, engaged our services as managing editor, sold us a block of stock and agreed to move the publication office of the WEEKLY from New York to Boston. Few only can appreciate the boldness of Mr. Mekeel's decision. The WEEKLY was suffering for attention and our conduct of the *Era* had satisfied Mr. Mekeel that the paper would be carefully handled in Boston.

In March, 1904, the two papers were amalgamated, Mr. Jewett continuing to print the WEEKLY on a five years' contract, which was subsequently renewed. We do not need to state the number of subscribers on our list in March, 1904,

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During these years the WEEKLY has been a philatelic newspaper. It has been sharply criticized in certain quarters for the lack of literary features, but follow us for a year and many articles of merit will be found in our columns. We have invoked the aid of Messrs. Severn, Howes, Kjellstedt, Poole, Goodwin, Barrett and others, with striking results.

Mr. Poole's work on "Cook Ids." appeared in our columns last year and we shall soon reprint "Hints for Beginners" and commence a series of "Stamp Studies," by the same author. Mr. Goodwin is now running an excellent study of "Specialized United States" and we have an illustrated article on U. S. envelopes by L. G. Barrett that will run through a dozen numbers of the WEEKLY. Shorter articles by Messrs. Hill, Kjellstedt and others are awaiting attention, but news matter must have the right of way.

Our advertising pages speak for themselves. The dealer who wishes to reach the buying collector must needs patronize our columns. Other papers copy our methods and we rejoice in their appreciation of our ideas. The interest in stamp collecting is strong enough to support a number of good stamp papers and there is no reason why the next decade should not see the greatest interest in stamp collecting the country has ever known.

We are not satisfied with our present achievement. We shall go after the 8000 mark with all the vigor and resourcefulness at our command, and our many "booster" friends will aid us in our endeavor.

To Mr. Chas. E. Severn, the scholarly editor of the WEEKLY, we make a profound obeisance in acknowledgment of his splendid literary and philatelic attainments, and the great work he has done in various departments of service. He stands without a peer in the whole realm of philatelic letters, and his name will loom large on the pages of philatelic history. May Parnassus Penflip and Sinopod the Sage live long and prosper!

EXHIBITION NEWS.



A hint to the wise is sufficient. The government objects to the beautiful Exhibition label and no more can be put on letters so hang on to any envelope you have showing a copy. Every dollar member gets a set. Percy McGraw Mann says: "It is the most beautiful label of its kind that has ever been produced. We know whereof we speak, because the editor has collected these things for some years and he is willing to stake all to back his assertion that he hasn't a single label in his collection of 20,000 which can compare with this one." The set of stamps will make a beautiful frontispiece to any album, commemorating as it will the great Stamp Exhibition and giving the best portrait of the "father of his country" that has ever been engraved. It is now only thirty-three weeks to the opening of the

great show when the stamps of the entire world can be seen, including the crude pioneer stamps of remote colonies. There also will be seen the leading stamp collectors of the entire world. New friendships will be formed and old acquaintances renewed. Mr. Klemann informs us that applications for stamps are pouring in and the Treasurer reports many new members sending in their dollar in every mail.

The following Societies have signified their acceptance on the Committee of Honor:—The Royal Philatelic Society, London; Kristiania Philatelist Klub, Christiania; and Swedish Philatelic Society, Stockholm.

The following collectors' names have also been added to the Honor Committee:—Arthur T. Bates, Wellington, N. Z.; Henry Clotz, New York; C. A. Nast, Denver; C. K. B. Nevin, Boston; Julian Park, Buffalo; C. F. Rothfuchs, Los Angeles; and J. F. Rust, Cleveland.

Mr. Luff reports the first edition of the Exhibition Prospectus ready and distributed and the Executive Committee is now preparing the second edition.

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EUGENE KLEIN, Chmn. Pub. Com.

JOIN THE BOOSTER CLUB.

Of late we have been compelled to give the Booster Club a rest, due to the fact that we have been so busy and space has been at a premium. Our mail last Monday morning just compelled attention. We received no less than fourteen new six months' subscriptions and twelve new trial subscriptions, while the yearly and two year renewals were plentiful enough to make glad the heart of the managing editor.

E. J. Gifford, St. Paul, Minn., renewed his own subscription for a year and sent in a new one, H. M. Norton of the same city. D. M. Ward, Gary, Ind., sent in a new yearly subscription for the Gary Public Library. Charles Osman, Oil City, Pa., renewed for a year and sent in a new yearly from the same city. Dr. Chas. R. Chasmar, Norwalk, Ct., renewed for a year and sent in a new yearly. G. H. Coleman, Cleveland, O., sent in a new six months' subscription for a friend.

What a fine lot of boosting for a single mail. All that is needed is to show the WEEKLY to a friend.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

REGISTERED MAIL ON THE "TITANIC."

We wish to draw the attention of clients from whom we have received enquiries respecting the consignments lost with the *Titanic* to the following extract from a letter sent us by the Postmaster-General:—"I am directed to inform you that the loss of the mails on board the Packet *Titanic* is now found to have been due to causes beyond control. No indemnity is payable by this Department in respect of the loss of a registered packet sent to a place abroad when the loss has arisen from causes beyond control (e. g., tempest, shipwreck, etc.), and it is regretted that in these circumstances no claim in respect of the registered packets in question can be entertained."—*Ewen's Weekly*.

	Cat.	Price
1909 Brazil, 200r blue.....	.10	.04
1906 " Official, 10,000res.....	.60	.30
1903 *Chile, 20 on 30c orange.....	.20	.12
1909 *Crete, 21 on 20l red.....	.40	.20
1900 Greece, 25l on 40l purple (Olympic game).....	.35	.12
1898 *Honduras, 1, 2, 5, 6c, (locomotive).....	.19	.10
1894 *Japan, 2, 5 sen.....	.20	.12
1901 *Nyassa, 2 1/2r 300r, 13 var.....	2.41	.25
1893 *Pacific Mutual Telegraph 5 var.....	.55	.15
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15c " " " " "..... 3.00

30c " " " " unused, no gum..... 5.50

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[20]

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CHAPTER XXX.

3 Cents, Issue of 1870-79.

The value of specializing is nowhere more forcibly shown than in the case of the 3 cent stamps, printed between the years 1870 and 1879, inclusive. If a collector could (and the task is by no means impossible) gather a copy of every known variety, shade and paper, he would possess a collection of no mean size, and one which would be worth a good many dollars. I have not the figures by me, but probably several hundred stamps would not more than cover the size of this little collection. As a good many of the varieties, shades and papers can be had by hunting through the cheap stamps the entire list would not cost even a small fortune, and the greatest expense would be in time and labor.

The 3 cent stamps, of this issue, were put upon the market early in April, 1870, probably the 15th. Contrary to almost universal belief the first stamps issued were not grilled; the embossed stamps appeared later. This is fairly well proven by the fact that the first stamps were printed from plates No. 1 to No. 11, while the grilled stamps bear the plate number 11, showing that ten plates of ungrilled stamps preceded the others. I will treat of the ones with grille first, however, as according to catalogs and custom they come first.

Stamps bearing the grille device were not so prolific in shades as some of the other issues and varieties. Mr. Luff classifies the shades as: pale green, green, pale yellow green, yellow green and deep green.

Ten sizes of grilles are known, as follows:

Size.	Points.
11x12 1/2	14x16
10x12 1/2	13x16
10x12	13x15
8 1/2 x 12 1/2	11x16
8 1/2 x 11 1/2	11x14
8 1/2 x 10 1/2	11x13
8 1/2 x 9 1/2	11x12
8 1/2 x 9	11x11
8x10 1/2	10x13
8x10	10x12

Four varieties are chronicled: end roller grille, imperforate vertically, imperforate horizontally, and imperforate all around. The last stamp was printed from Plate 11.

It is a hard stamp to study for grille measurements, owing to the indistinctness of the grille points.

The normal, or ungrilled, stamps are even less prolific in shades than the

other, showing in gray green, pale green, green, and yellow green. The plates were numbered 1 to 11 inclusive, 25, 29, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 54, 55. There were issued, from April, 1870, to April 1873, the total of 1,204,959,650 stamps.

When the Continental Bank Note Company took over the contract, and began issuing stamps in 1873, the concern certainly mixed things up for the specialist. Besides adding the "secret mark" by shading the fork of the left ribbon under the shield, the company made shades galore, used plates by the hundreds, and a considerable number of legitimate collectible varieties. Mr. Luff classifies the shades as: bright yellow green, pale yellow green, yellow green, deep yellow green, green, dark green, blue green, dark blue green, olive green, pale dull green, dull green, dark dull green and gray green.

Plate numbers were: 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135, 136, 138, 139, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 231, 232, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 309, 310.

Stamps issued from April, 1873, to June 30, 1879, numbered 3,094,609,900.

The following varieties are chronicled: Double paper, ribbed paper, Fletcher cog wheel cuts, surface weakened by short horizontal cuts, grilled, imperforate all around, imperforate vertically, double transfer, on chemical paper, soft paper printed by Continental Bank Note Co., laid paper, watermarked with stitch, design missing below ribbons.

Then there is the special printing, of which less than 400 were sold to the public which is printed upon hard, white paper, in blue green shade.

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EDITORIAL.

Postal Relic—In our columns at times, attention is called to different old documents that come under our readers' or our own notice that are more or less intimately associated with philately; and we have found that there is a growing division of collectors who give close heed to the historical asides of stamps. Dr. E. W. Hodsdon has sent for inspection a rather remarkable leaflet on the subject, "Improved Post Office Stamps," that was issued about 1850, judging from the evidence of the letter-press. The "Post Office" stamps referred to are not the adhesive stamps of our affections but postmark and cancellation forms, which were offered for sale to postmasters by an enterprising citizen, Charles M. Willard of Ludlow, Hampden County, Massachusetts, at the bargain price of one dollar. The familiar "5" and "V" and "X" impressions in circle; "Paid;" "Free;" postmark with interchangeable month names and days and several fancy "Paid 3" types are illustrated, each in red, black or blue. A printed postmark of Ludlow, with "paid" underneath and "Paid 3" at lower left-hand corner are on the face of the sheet, which, when folded, was sent to the postmasters throughout the country. We quote from the circular: "In the year 1847 Hon. Selah R. Hobbie, (the 1st Ass't P. M. Gen.) visited Europe on business of the Post Office Department, and on his return, in his report to Congress, he made the following statement: 'I found when in England in 1847 that the stamps in use in the English post-offices were universally made on wood, and was informed that they had superseded the metallic stamps entirely. They were preferred, not alone on account of their cheapness, but because they were more tenacious of the ink, in consequence of which, time is saved in the process of stamping, but by being obliged so frequently to ink the stamp.—Besides, the impression, I am told, was not so liable to blur. (Signed) S. R. Hobbie.' Now comes the argument: "These stamps of box wood, as represented above, are in every

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On the Job—Sinpod, the stamp sage, says that he has found a collector who had no trouble in buying the Parcel Post stamps well centered at his post-office: A philatelist who never called attention to a slight defect in a friend's pet stamp: A reader who in subscribing to a new stamp paper did not take occasion to wish it a long life and a specialist who never found the slightest variation in millimeter scales.

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Here They Are—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who called the color of the Agriculture Department stamps "straw?" Is he plodding along somewhere with the o. f. c. whose good mother sewed a cloth covering on his stamp album to prevent the soiling of the binding? What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who had a cheerful grate fire burning in his office on chilly afternoons? Is he talking, in some nook, about New York Ledger days with the o. f. d. whose business card announced: No business transacted by mail?

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In Ward Thirteen—Said the attendant at the Asylum for the Addled: "Yes, he is our latest arrival but he has been quiet enough to-day and I would not say that his case is very alarming. They just brought him here from the post-office. What is wrong with him? Why, he just stands at the window with the look of a fish in his eyes and says over and over again, just like a phonograph: 'We haven't got the three and the fifty yet,—they haven't been issued.' You see some of those terrible stamp papers said that all the Parcel Post stamps had been issued and were on sale; and so all the collectors roared at the clerk and said that he was an ignorant fellow when he told them that these two stamps were not in stock. Poor fellow, no wonder his mind slipped a cog."

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Cotton Marks—We wish to express here a word of commendation for Charles A. Nast's History of the U. S. Metallic Tax Stamps for Cotton, which is incorporated in the Year Book of the United States Revenue Society, recently issued. In his study of these stamps, Mr. Nast has presented thirteen different types of these interesting evidences of the payment of the tax on cotton, 1862-1868. In 1888, Mr. E. B. Sterling in his revenue stamp catalogue and Mr. Chas. E. Hutchinson in his articles on the revenue issues of the civil war period in the old *American Philatelist* awakened some inquiry regarding these historical stamp kindred; and now, for the first time, a complete catalogue and history of the cotton tax

stamps are compiled. While Mr. Nast has had the assistance of the information of early articles on the stamps and the co-operation of collectors who placed their material at the disposal of Mr. Nast, yet the work is based on the individual researches of the author. The official description of the use of the cotton marks is an authoritative explanation of the service performed by the stamps which showed that the necessary tax had been paid on the cotton, thereby lifting the embargo against its removal from the place of production; the shipper paid the tax. If our recollection is not faulty, the type on parchment was reported by us first in the WEEKLY about twenty years ago; and at the time, Mr. H. E. Deats who has the best collection of cotton marks was interested in our description. The cut of the circular in the frontispiece of Mr. Nast's production was made from the original hand-bill in our possession. The Year Book of the United States Revenue Society has developed into a publication very much worth while.

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The Earl of Crawford, K. T.—The death of Lord Crawford which was announced in our issue of February 8th, has profoundly moved philatelic England as may have been expected, although it was known that the Earl's ill-health had interfered latterly with his application to philately. In the January number of the *London Philatelist*, Mr. E. D. Bacon has the first instalment of "The Earl of Crawford's Collection of the 1895 Plate Impressions of United States Stamps on Cardboard" which is replete with important and instructive information on the plate arrangement of early U. S. issues. Here, specialists in United States issues have wondered how Lord Crawford was able to accumulate some of the striking items in his proof collection but they were not insensible to the compliment paid to United States stamps by him in selecting them as favorites. It is scarcely necessary to repeat that the loss of the Earl of Crawford, the founder of the school of "historical" philately is a deprivation that philately suffers with genuine sorrow. His stimulating contributions to the fund of philatelic knowledge have enriched our pursuit perceptibly and the influence of his example in so proudly pledging his allegiance to philately, if we may so term it, has done much to loan dignity to it in the estimation of the unphilatelic public. It becomes an announcement of regretful significance now to say that the Earl of Crawford was the choice as President of the Fifth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, to be held in Edinburgh on the 23rd-25th of April, 1913, under the auspices of the prominent Scottish societies.

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Mar. 45.—Sale by Eugene Klein, Phila., Pa. Specialized China of Julius Levy. Also other countries.

Mar. 8.—40th sale of Co-operative Exchange. General line of stamps and wholesale lots for dealers.

Mar. 11, 12.—Sale by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., N. Y. City.

Mar. 12, 13.—General line of U. S. and foreign in B. L. Drew & Co.'s 254th sale. The collection of H. Walmsley of New Bedford is included.

Mar. 14.—Nassau sale at 179 B'way, N. Y. C. Collection of H. S. Van de Carr, Passaic, N. J. General collection.

Mar. 22.—Sale of Rodenhaver collection by the Hussman Stamp Co. 20,000 varieties.

THINGS THAT ARE AHEAD.

The Goodwin articles on "Specialized U. S." will be reprinted in book form. We already have 40 pps. in type and price will be 75c or \$1.00. If you feel real sporty send in 50c and the book will be sent you on day of issue.

Poole's "Hints to Beginners" is about completed. It will be reprinted in book form immediately and will be most valuable. Price will be 25c.

We have a fully illustrated article on U. S. envelopes by L. G. Barrett that we shall commence just as soon as we can find the room. It will subsequently be reprinted.

Our Grant articles on the "Young Dealer" have suffered a temporary eclipse. They will be resumed shortly.

We have two articles on hand by Edwin B. Hill, one by Mr. Kjellstedt and the printer tells us he has about twenty columns of matter all in type awaiting publication. We are well fixed for copy just now.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Harry F. Kohl advises us that Kansas City will without doubt shortly have precancelled parcel post stamps. He sends us some items concerning Kansas City precancels that we have submitted to the new issues department to pass upon.

—Alvah G. Clark suggests that our Chronicle of precancelled stamps would be greatly improved if the names of firms using the new varieties listed were to be published. We have passed the suggestion on to the editor of this department.

—A. H. Kirkpatrick reports unsatisfactory dealings with Loren Sturdevant, Imperial Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind. He pays no attention to requests for the return of an approval selection.

—We have not been privileged to record the entrance of many of the fair sex into the ranks of the dealers, but our readers cannot fail to have noticed the displayed advertising of Mrs. L. W. Kellogg of Hartford, Conn., who will use an inch every other week in the future. J. A. Galbraith of N. Y. City resumes his advertising this week.

—The advertisement of Chas. A. Townsend in our issue of Feb. 15 contained an error. The New York Custom House offer "20c to 32" should have been "60c catalogued \$2." Mr. Townsend, whose address is Akron, Ohio, advertises this stamp at 10c.

—We are indebted to H. F. Butler, Herbert S. Johnson, M. D., and E. M. White for copies of our Jan. 18 issue. We find ourselves running very close on our issue of Jan. 1 and shall be very grateful to any of our subscribers who will send us copies of the same.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from F. E. Greene (9), Frank Prescott, Frank Maier, Jr., M. S. Karlitsky, F. J. Parater, Jr. (11), Edgar S. Bissinger.

—E. C. Krohne calls our attention to an auction catalog issued by the Western Stamp Co. in which the catalog prices of the 1903 Persia are quoted at misleading figures. As Mr. Krohne writes:—"On September 15th the Scott prices reduced the catalogue price on these stamps to 60c each, and Senf, 1913, quotes these stamps at 50c each. Is it fair to price stamps this way? It is

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—Fred Goshert sends us the following interesting item:—"Some years ago I started two letters in opposite directions in a race around the world. They were addressed to a correspondent at Bangkok, Siam, who immediately upon their receipt re-addressed them to me. One of the letters got back in 60 days and the other in 67 days. A few days later I received word from my Bangkok friend that he had been absent from home for several days."

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WOULDN'T STAMP THE CZARS FACE.

The following is a cable despatch to the New York Times. We do not know how much credence is to be given the tale, but publish it for what it is worth:

"ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 21.—The new stamp, issued in commemoration of the tercentenary of the Romanoff dynasty, which bears the portraits of the present Czar and several other Czars, will be withdrawn in deference to the susceptibilities of some minor Post Office officials who refused to impress the obliterating stamp on these portraits. These loyal scruples are typical of the masses of the Russian people."

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John Post, who became the father of a fine boy Monday night, has decided to name him Parcel, if Mrs. Post will consent.—Shelburne (Pa.) Times. The old man thinks that he runs the Post department, evidently.

Our Great Lilliputian Contest. Entered by an auctioneer: "The smallest collector I have met is one who bid on over two hundred lots in an auction sale and secured one cheap lot, which he returned on the plea that he had changed his mind about wanting it."

Does the name of Parnassus Penflip lead all the rest of those of illustrious personages chosen by President Wilson for cabinet positions? We cannot break the news to him that he has not been made Postmaster-General. Will some kind reader do so as it is enough for us to tell him that not a single entry has been received in the prize contest that he sponsored,—the winner to award Penflip the prize.

W. B. reports the existence of the o. f. c. who made hinges from a porous plaster. He should have applied the porous plaster to his own back and not that of the stamps.

"Miss Land—Miss Stella Land lives down the street and she is just the right stamp for a philatelist; and I am a philatelist!" writes somebody just as if it was anything to us.

A young publisher writes to ask if we will furnish him the names of "about a thousand" of our readers; he wants to send them sample copies of his first number. If, as has been said, it takes nerve to publish a stamp paper, our young friend is labeled success.

The New York Exhibition labels are superb and sightly specimens and so ample are their proportions that it will not be necessary for the managers of the Exhibition to advertise with posters.

"I have a little son five years old who is a stamp collector," avers a proud papa. We should like to hear the youngster say, Djibouti.

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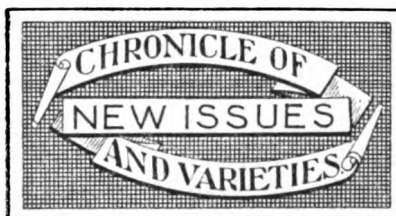
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Leeward Islands, 1/4d, .02; 1d, .04; 2d, .06; 2 1/2d.....	.08	Uruguay, 4c new lithographed issue.....	.06
Ceylon, 2r, .72; 20r, \$7.68; 50r.....	18.24	Chili, 14c new issue.....	.06
St. Vincent, 1/4d, .02; 1d, .04; 2d, .06; 2 1/2d, .08; 3d, .08; 6d, .16; 1sh	.28	Belgium, New type with larger head, 10c.....	.04
Levant, 4p on 10d, Harrison printing.....	.20	China, New Provisional Government issue with portrait of Yuan Shi Kai, 1, 2, 3, 5c.....	.10
Southern Nigeria, 2 1/2d, .08; 3d, .08; 6d.....	.16	1c to 50c.....	.72
Morocco, 25c on 2 1/2d, Perf. 15x14.....	.08	\$1, .66; \$2, \$1.28; \$5, \$3.20.....	5.12
Italy, Overprinted "Egeo" 25c & 50c.....	.60	New Provisional Government issue with portrait of Sun Yat Sen, 1, 2, 3, 5c.....	.10
Sierra Leone, 3d large type.....	.08	1c to 50c.....	.72
French Colonies, The recent series of overprinted stamps, 108 in number.....	4.80	\$1, .66; \$2, \$1.28; \$5, \$3.20.....	5.12
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDRIDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge reports the following new precancels:

Chicago, Ill.—Two lines (CHICAGO—ILLINOIS) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals between two lines, 14 3/4 mm. apart, lines 3/4 mm. wide. 1c, 1912. Imperf. Reported by Kendall P. Smith.

Milford, Mass.—Two lines (MILFORD—MASS.) two lines above and below horizontal inscription. Space containing inscription, 10 mm. wide, 1 3/4 mm. between lines, lines 1/2 mm. thick. 4c, 1910; 10c, 1912.

Manchester, N. H.—Two lines (Manchester—N. H.) horizontal inscription between lines 11 mm. apart, lines 1/2 mm. thick. 1 and 2c, 1910; 10c inverted, 1910.

Racine, Wis.—(No. 1153) 1c, 1913, Parcel Post, inverted; 2c, 1913, Parcel Post, inverted. Reported by W. R. Harrison and Charles K. B. Nevin.

Chicago, Ill.—(No. 1153) 1c, 1913, Parcel Post.

Mansfield, Mass.—(No. 1155) 2c, 1912; (No. 1155) 5c, 1910; (No. 1155) 6c, 1910.

Marlboro, Mass.—Two lines (Marlboro—Mass) evidently hand stamped, as they are precancelled in most any way, possibly done with a rubber stamp and post office ink. 5c, 1910, reading up.

Brockton, Mass. Campello Station.—Four lines (BROCKTON—MASS—CAMPELLO—STATION.) horizontal inscription in small sans-serif capitals, 1 3/4 mm. high, between two lines, 12 mm. apart, lines 1 3/4 mm. thick. 3c, 1910.

CEYLON.—John P. Cooper writes us at length regarding the word "Cave" found on some of the used stamps of Ceylon. Perhaps we cannot do better than to reproduce a part of his letter:

"Some years ago I saw it stated that 'Cave' meant 'Revenue' in the native language. Recently, I received a large consignment of Ceylon stamps from my correspondent and among them was a number with the 'Cave' overprint. These stamps so surcharged were postmarked and bore every indication of

having done postal duty, so I wrote my friend to know if these stamps were regularly used for postage as I had always considered them revenue stamps. In reply he inclosed samples on pieces of covers and writes as follows:

"I am inclosing samples of stamps with the names of firms stamped on them to show you that they do postal duty as you thought the 'Cave' stamps were revenue stamps only. Most firms in Ceylon stamp their name over the stamps as the native peons, when taking the letters to the post, are inclined to take the stamps off and destroy the letters."

"I am inclosing 3 samples of overprinting; 2 are rubber stamped in violet, but the 'Cave' is in black and looks like a typeset surcharge. My purpose in writing all this is to bring out to those who understand why this word 'Cave' is used and what it means in this connection."

CHILE.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us another value in the new series, a value not previously seen in the issues of this country. The portrait on this new 14c stamp is F. A. Pinto, which appeared on the 12c of the last series.

Adhesive.

GIBRALTER.—Morocco Agencies.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the King Edward 2 1/2d stamp surcharged "Morocco—Agencies" in two lines at the top and "25 Centimos" at the bottom, perforated 15x14.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Offices in the Levant.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 10d King Edward stamp, surcharged "4 Piastres" in the new type.

HONG KONG.—I. W. Risdon has shown us a cover from Hong Kong with the new 10c King George stamp thereon. Incidentally, this calls attention to an error in No. 1155. The low values with colorless figures on colored ground are the 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c. The 4c and 8c have colored figures on colorless ground, while the 6c, 12c and 20c have the Swastika in the lower corners like the previous issue.

HONDURAS.—John P. Cooper reports having seen the 2c official stamp of 1911, with the surcharge reading "CFICIAL."

LIBERIA.—Referring to the two provisionals chronicled in No. 1155, we are now enabled to complete the chronicle, through the courtesy of W. H. Peckitt, who has shown us the four stamps. As there stated Scott's Nos. 112 and 319, triangular stamps have been issued perforated both with and without the surcharge "3 Cents Inland Postage." The regular postage stamps are only changed from the previous issue by the perforations, but the official stamps have both colors changed and perforations added. The official stamps, both with

and without the "3 cent Inland Postage" have the usual "OS" surcharge.

Adhesive.

10c plum and black.

Provisional Adhesive.

Surcharged "3 Cents Inland Postage."

3c on 10c plum and black; surcharge blue.

Official Adhesive.

10c black and ultramarine; surcharge red.

Provisional Official Adhesive.

Surcharged "3 Cents Inland Postage."

3c on 10c black and ultramarine; surcharges red.

MEXICO.—L. L. Albright & Co. call attention to distinct shades of the current 1c stamp, portrait of Josepha Ortiz. The first, which may be called the normal shade is a lilac, Scott calling it dull violet. The other shade is almost a mauve, the difference being especially noticeable in the background of the portrait.

NORTHERN NIGERIA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us two new values of the King George type.

Adhesives.

2sh 6d black and carmine on blue.

5sh green and carmine on yellow.

RUSSIA.—Offices in the Levant.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the new issue of Russia surcharged for use in the Russian Offices in Turkey. The surcharges are all in black. The surcharge varies widely. The 5pa, 15pa and 20pa have the figure of value in the centre and "Para" on each side, the surcharges in all cases being at the bottom of the stamp. The 10pa has "Para" in the centre, with figures of value before and after. The 1pi and 5pi have the word "Piastre" spelled out in full with figures of value a little above, similar to the current stamps of German Levant. The other piastre values have the figure of value in the centre with the word "Pias—tres" divided, the figures of value dividing the word. Singularly enough, the 1 1/2pi has the word spelled "Pias—tre."

Adhesives.

5pa on 1k orange.

10pa on 2k yellow green.

15pa on 3k carmine.

20pa on 4k carmine lake.

1pi on 10k dark blue.

2pi on 20k olive.

2 1/2pi on 25k brown.

3 1/2pi on 35k slate and dark green.

5pi on 50k violet and slate.

ST. VINCENT.—The new series for this Colony has appeared, the values below having been shown us by W. H. Peckitt. The design is a new one and rather pretty. The oval containing the King's Head is placed low, with "St. Vincent" in a short tablet above, the crown encroaching upon the lower part of the tablet. "Postage" and "Revenue" are placed at either side of the oval, which is framed by long sprays of bay and oak leaves, joined at the bottom. The figures of value appear thus, "1/2d" in small ovals in the lower corners. The effect is good though rather crowded.

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5 1860, 1c brown violet.....	1.25	.55
6 1c red lilac.....	.50	.20
7 5c yellow green.....	.10	.04
8 10c vermilion.....	.50	.20
9 12 1/2c blue.....	.50	.20
10 17c black.....	.50	.20
11 1861, 2c orange.....	.12	.05
12 5c brown, proof without "specimen" with "specimen".....	10.00	8.00
42 Newfoundland 1880, 3c blue, new	1.25	.32

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2d gray.
2 1/2d ultramarine.
3d violet on yellow.
6d red violet.
1sh black on green.

SIERRA LEONE.—The Colonial Office Journal reports that this Colony has been furnished with 1sh, 2sh, 5sh, 10sh, £1, £2 and £5 stamps of large size like the 3d recently chronicled.

URUGUAY.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 4c stamp in the lithographed set locally printed.

Adhesive.

Lithographed.
4c orange

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The Boston Philatelic Society.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 18, 1913.

The 286th (regular) meeting and Annual Jollification was held at the Club Room this evening with 48 members and friends present. In the absence of both President and Vice President, Mr. L. L. Green was chosen Chairman.

Three applications were received, Messrs. Fredk. S. Cook, proposed by A. W. Dunning, Jesse T. Lillibridge, proposed by W. L. Aldrich, and Marcus White, proposed by Chas. H. Stone. The resignation of No. 451 was accepted.

Two new members were admitted, No. 570, John Kling, and No. 571, Charles B. Moore.

Some discussion was held upon the subject of the Stamp Bourse, and the whole matter was finally referred to the Governing Board.

Attention was called to the Circuit books held by the Sales Supt., which were ready for all members who desired to be placed on circuit.

Gifts were announced of a large collection of counterfeits from Mr. E. S. Mason, and of collections of stamp papers from Messrs. E. F. Sawyer and Gabriel Cannon. Votes of thanks were passed to the respective donors.

The entertainment consisted of a talk on China, illustrated with a specialized collection, by Mr. C. A. Howes, and a portion of the collection of Mr. A. W. Dunning.

The meeting adjourned at 9.40 p. m., but lasted informally to a late hour.

Previous to the meeting an informal dinner was held at the City Club at which 36 sat down and enjoyed an excellent menu.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

Fellow Members of the Boston Philatelic Society:—

Another year in the history of our Society has drawn to a close and it becomes my duty to review with you the events which have transpired since you did me the honor to elect me your President, and it is only when we stop and pause a moment and ask ourselves, has it all been worth while, that we are apt to see the results of our efforts, rather than the efforts themselves. But its greatest value is in the lessons it teaches us for our future guidance.

I shall not attempt to review the doings of the stamp world as has often been so excellently done by our former Presidents; since probably all of you know more about the philatelic changes of the year than I do. Our own country has not been backward in such matters as is evidenced by the new 1912 set of seven values, with its numerous official and unofficial varieties; and, with the opening of the year 1913, the seventeen Parcel Post stamps and the four commemoratives.

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Please refer to last week's adv. Prices still good. H. T. WILLCOX, Jewett City, Conn. [tf]

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Turning, however, to the affairs of the Society there are several matters I wish to bring to your attention, some of which in my opinion deserve your serious consideration.

Secretary.—The duties of the Secretary have been more arduous during the past year than usual and I know you will agree with me that this office has been filled in a most efficient manner.

Treasurer.—With regard to the funds of the Society and the condition of the Treasury, I cannot do better than to repeat the suggestion made by our last President, that "We should take care in the matter of appropriations and refuse to allow sentiment to rule where hard common sense is needed." I believe the past year has shown that this sound advice has been followed.

Governing Board.—I desire at this time to express my appreciation for the support which has been accorded me by the Governing Board. Thirteen meetings have been held during the year with a high average of attendance and all matters brought to its attention have been considered without fear or favor but always with the best interests of the Society in mind. I think I may say that the work done by all the Committees during the year has shown a most encouraging interest in the affairs of the Society.

Statutes.—This evening you will hear several new Statutes proposed, and a number of others have been called to the attention of the Governing Board. The past year has afforded an excellent opportunity to test the practical workings of the Statutes and many of the members feel that the time has come when a general revision is not only desirable but practically a necessity. Therefore any suggestion looking toward the appointment of a Committee to bring before you such a revised draft has my heartiest approval.

Entertainment Committee.—A year ago it was voted to have a new Entertainment Committee each month. While this has meant a great deal more work for your President, as ten committees had to be filled instead of one, on the whole I think it has proved fairly successful and is worth continuing for another year anyway. The only recommendation I have to make is that part of every program shall consist of an exhibition of stamps, competitive or otherwise, and that they shall be shown before the meeting, from, say, six-thirty o'clock until the meeting opens as well as at the close of the business of the evening.

Room Committee.—The Room Committee will tell you of the generous gifts of pictures from Messrs. Stone and Dunning, now hanging on the Club Room walls. The members of the Committee have spent quite a little time during the past year in rearranging the frames and putting the room in order, with very satisfactory results. They are now planning further changes all of which will tend to make our quarters still more comfortable. The members seem to be using the Club Room much more than formerly.

Library Committee.—The Library Committee has found enough work to do to require their giving several hours each week to it. The cataloging, re-arranging, etc., made necessary by the Seybold bequest and several large gifts of magazines is progressing rapidly, after which the Committee's work will undoubtedly be very much lightened.

Committee on Exhibition, 1913.—During the year a Committee was appointed by the Chair to look after our interests in connection with the exhibition to be held at New York during October, 1913. I believe that this Committee should be continued in office thru next October, and, in addition to seeing that we are well represented financially should do what they can to persuade members to enter their collections for exhibition.

Recruiting Committee.—The Recruiting Committee appointed in the early part of the year has held a number of meetings and arranged a program which should bring many new members into the Society. They have been delayed

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

A GUIDE TO CLASSIFICATION—(Continued).

P.—This letter, overprinted on various stamps of the Straits Settlements, denotes they were intended for use in the native state of Perak.

Para and Piaster.—These words, denoting the values, are the only inscription shown in English characters on some of the issues of Turkey and Egypt. In conjunction with the Star and Crescent design the words show the labels are Turkish while if the design depicts the Sphinx and Pyramid then the stamps are Egyptian. These same words overprinted on British, German, French, etc., stamps, distinguish the special issues for the foreign post-offices established in the Levant.

Pen.—Stamps with the value denoted by this word—an abbreviation for "Penni"—belong to Finland.

Peoymnhe.—This word, in Greek characters, distinguishes the issue of Russian stamps for the Rethymo district of Crete.

Persane.—Persia.

P. G. S.—An overprint on certain Straits Settlements stamps used as official stamps in Perak. The letters stand for "Perak Government Service."

Porto Gazetes.—The only inscription on some of the early stamps of Roumania.

Postes.—The only inscription, other than that relating to the value, shown on some of the early stamps of Belgium and on the issue for Alsace and Lorraine. The latter have large numerals as the main part of the design while the Belgian labels show a portrait or coat-of-arms.

Posthorn.—A posthorn, surmounted by a crown, forms the design for the early newspaper stamps of Austria.

Postzegel.—On the 1852-64 stamps of the Netherlands.

Preussen.—Prussia.

P. S. N. C.—These letters appear in the corners of the first stamps used in Peru. The stamps were originally issued by the Pacific Steam Navigation Co.

R.—This letter, with new value, was overprinted on some of the French colonial stamps intended for use in Reunion. (2) A letter "R" forms the only "inscription" in English on the locally produced labels for the Indian native state of Jhind.

Rayon.—The only inscription shown on some of the early stamps of Switzerland.

Reichspost. Shown on the 1889-1900 stamps of Germany.

Republique Francaise (or *Repub. France*).—France.

R. O.—These letters were overprinted on a few Turkish stamps used in Eastern Roumelia, which later became a part of Bulgaria.

Romana (or *Romania*).—Roumania.

Roumelie Oriental.—Eastern Roumelia.

Sachsen.—Saxony.

Salonique (or *Salonicco*).—Salonica.

Sicilia.—Sicily.

Sld.—On stamps of the Austrian Levant.

Smirne (or *Smyrne*).—Smyrna.

Soldi.—On stamps of Austrian Italy.

Somalia Italiana.—Italian Somaliland.

Soudan Francais.—French Soudan.

S. P. M.—These letters were overprinted on certain French Colonial stamps intended for use in St. Pierre and Miquelon.

Stati Parm (or *Parmensi*).—Parma.

S. Thome e Principe.—St. Thomas and Prince Islands.

S. U.—These letters were overprinted on a few Straits Settlements stamps intended for use in the native state of Sungei Ujong.

Sultanat d'Anjouan.—Anjouan.

Sverige.—Sweden.

T.—A large "T" overprinted on the stamps of such countries as Abyssinia, and Bulgaria generally indicates that they were used as postage due labels.

Taksa.—This word appears upon most of the Bulgarian postage due stamps.

Tassa Gazzette.—On the newspaper stamp of Modena.

Telegrafos.—Telegraphs.

Tjeneste.—On the official stamps of Denmark.

Toga.—Tonga.

Toscana.—Tuscany.

U. G.—These letters, with numerals to denote the value, form the "design" of the first typewritten stamps of Uganda.

Ultramar.—The only inscription on many of the Spanish issues of Cuba.

Van Diemens Land.—Tasmania.

Z. Afr. Republiek.—South African Republic (Now known as the Transvaal).

THE END.

SHORT REPLIES.

S. W. (Fort McKarelt).—The United States stamp you describe is evidently a Mailometer perf.

S. D. P. (White Plains).—I presume the higher values would be used principally by Banks and large mercantile concerns especially on bulky letters sent abroad.

G. R. F. (Chicago).—The words "Escuela de Medicina" on the 20c Peru stamp of 1907 are Spanish for "School of Medicine." The building depicted is the Medical School of Lima.

B. M. (Oakland).—I regret I cannot identify the stamp from your description but it is probably a local of some sort.

BOSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.
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by causes over which they have no control but have already gotten out a new Recruiting folder and application blank and have conducted one of the most successful meetings the Society has ever held. They have a number of other plans under consideration. They secured a lot of information at the Recruiting meeting which they are prepared to follow up. I recommend that this committee be continued.

London Exhibition.—Our members were well represented at the recent London Exhibition and their success may be judged by the following list of medals received. Mr. Howes, bronze medal; Mr. Howes, author, and the New England Stamp Co., publishers, silver medal; Mr. Charles Lathrop, Pack, two gold medals and one silver gilt; Mr. Luff, one gold medal; Mr. Klein, one bronze medal; Mr. H. J. Crocker, one gold medal; Mr. F. J. Melville, one silver gilt medal; Mr. Hugo Griebert, one silver gilt medal; and Mr. Griebert, author, and Hugo Griebert & Co., publishers, one bronze medal.

Publications.—I believe that mention should be made at this time of the very creditable literary showing our members have made during the past year as authors of books or of leading articles in the philatelic magazines. Without any attempt at completeness I may mention Mr. Mason's three handbooks: Essays for stamps; Essays for envelopes; Proofs of U. S. Stamps; Maj. Palmer's Philippines; Julian Park's Philatelic Rambles; C. E. Severn's Sanitary Fairs, etc.; F. J. Melville's Chats on Postage Stamps and several handbooks; L. G. Barrett's Envelope Dies of 1903; Mr. Pack's Brazil Heads; A. T. Browne's Aeroplane Cancellations; Mr. Lyons' Commemorative Stamps, etc., etc.

I thank you for your attention.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES K. B. NEVIN, Pres.

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"	40c brown	19	.25	.15
"	45c gray green	20	.25	.15
"	60c red brown	21	.40	.24
1899	5c green	31	.05	.03
"	10c brown red	32	.08	.06
"	25c blue	33	.30	.18
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* CHINA 1904, Post Due, 1/2 to 10c complete	6	2.30	.46
* COL. REP. 1902, Medallion, 10, 20, 50c, 1 and 10 peso	5	3.18	.60
Antioquia 1899, 1/2c to 2 peso, also Reg. stamps Nos. 253, 264, 362	14	8.00	.60
DENMARK 1907, Newspaper 5 and 10kr, rare	2	2.90	1.15
ECUADOR 1908, Triangular, 1c to 1 sucre, complete	7	2.21	1.25
HAYTI 1898-99, 1 to 10c	11	.52	.18
1904, 1 to 50c complete, bi-colored	7	.74	.12
1902, 1 to 10c	11	1.47	.43
1902, 1c to 1g (complete except 15 and 20c)	13	..	1.50
HONDURAS 1877, 1 on 2r (No. 13), 2 on 2r (No. 23) and 1/2 on 2r originals!	3	3.00	.75
1903, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c, mint	6	.30	.10
1911, steamboat, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10c	5	..	.12
JAPAN 1908, 5 and 10 yen, fine copies	2	..	.75
MONTENEGRO 1874-96, fine set, many high values, all mint o. g.	18	1.92	.65
MOZAMBIQUE CO. 1894, 75 to 1000 reis, fine	8	2.87	.75
5 to 1000r	15	3.15	.88
1903-04, 65 to 700r, rare	5	5.80	2.00
NICARAGUA 1903-04, Zelaya Jubilee, 1 to 1 peso, complete, beautiful set	8	3.18	1.75
do. Zelaya, errors of color, 1, 2, 5, 10c, complete, mint o. g., rare	4	?	7.20
1905, 1c to 5 pesos violet, complete, fine	12	4.41	1.00
1909, 1c to 2p complete, fine complete set	13	.85	.30
1893, Official, 5, 10, 50c, 1, 2, 10 pesos, surcharge	6	3.95	1.25
inverted, rare and cheap	9	3.47	.75
1895, Official, 1c to 5 pesos complete, beautiful set	5	3.30	.65
1895, " 20, 50c, 1, 2, 5 pesos, all mint	5	3.30	.65
1895, " Only the 3 highest values, 1, 2, 5 pesos	3	2.87	.55
NORTH BORNEO 1910, British Protectorate, 5 and 10 dollars, beauties, French catal. prices these 2 rare stamps at fr. 150, about \$30.00 (Eastern dealers ask \$7.50 for the 2)	2	30.00	4.00
Postage Due Stamps, 1903, surch. "British Protectorate", 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8c, rare, cheap	6	3.45	.80
Same as last, but set complete, incl. all the high values, see Senf 1913 page 768, or Gibbons Nos. 327 to 337, (1c was never issued) priced very high, cheap at	11	?	3.75
NYASSA 1901, 2 1/2 to 300r complete, all mint	13	2.41	.83
Same set used	13	..	.25
1903, Provisionals, 15, 25, 65, 115, 130r	5	1.25	.82
1903, Provis., small surcharge, 65, 115, 130r, very rare, priced at \$7.25 per set used, but not priced unused, except by Senf, (M36=\$9.00), these are 3 stamps which are missing in most collections and which you hardly ever see, we only have a few sets	3	9.00	4.25
PERSIA 1899, 1c to 10kr blue, fine set	15	2.07	.45
1902, 10 to 100 tomans, high values	5	12.50	1.00
1907, 1c to 10kr pink, compl. incl. the rare 4kr bistre	15	1.87	.70
1907, same set as last, without 4kr bistre	14	1.37	.45
1907, same set but complete, including the very rare 50 kran gold, verm. and black (No. 447)	17	4.71	1.95
PERU 1884, Ancash, 10c yellow, mint o. g. (Scott's No. 11) a scarce stamp	1	10.00	4.25
SALVADOR 1910, Figueroa, complete set of 32 diff. regular Post. Due and Officials, Very Cheap Set	32	5.76	1.00
1911, Officials, 1c to 1 colon complete	8	2.03	.35
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March 22nd
April 5th

On March 22nd and April 5th we shall sell at Public Auction the magnificent Collection of Mr. J. E. Rodenhaver of Spokane, Wash. This Collection of very nearly 20,000 varieties is remarkable for the unusually fine condition of the stamps, even to the commonest varieties. There are not over 10 stamps in this large Collection which could not be called good or fine, which is most remarkable in a collection of this size.

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Salvador is likewise represented by a magnificent lot of unpriced rarities and in fact the Collection is strong in unusual stamps of the "Hard to Get" class which the specialist as a rule will find it impossible to obtain. There are, of course, many single rare stamps catal. \$5.00 up to \$75.00 each!

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES.

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding pre-cancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDRIDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

UNITED STATES.—The Rev. J. Dreyer reports having received two perfectly centered \$1 parcel post stamps from the New York postoffice.

Mr. Dreyer also writes as follows, regarding the issue of envelopes with the old knife:

"On page 68, col. 3 re U. S. Envelopes the statement is made 'that the old knife is coming into use again.' Not so, for sizes 3 and 8 have been issued with the short lower flap. I have in my possession a used copy, envelope 2c size 5, watermarked 'U S P O D 1907'—knife 87. It would be hard to find special request envel. 2c sizes 5 or 13 of the old style at present."

Frank B. Eldredge lists new pre-cancels as follows:

Saginaw, Mich.—Two lines (SAGINAW—MICH.) horizontal inscription between two lines 14 mm. apart, lines 3/4 mm. thick, letters about 4 mm. high. 3c, 13c, 15c, 1908-09. 4c, 4c inverted, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 1910. 1c, 2c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 1912. 10c registry, 1911.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—Two lines (FORT WAYNE—IND.) horizontal inscription in capitals with serifs, between two lines 12 mm. apart, lines 1 mm. thick. 1c 1912, inverted, Schermack No. 3.

St. Louis, Mo.—Two lines (ST. LOUIS—MISSOURI.) horizontal inscription in small sans serif capitals, between two lines, 14 1/2 mm. apart, lines 1/2 mm. thick. 4c 1913, Parcel Post. Reported by Fred Fuessel.

Cleveland, Ohio.—(No. 1155) 1c 1913, Parcel Post, double.

South Weymouth, Mass.—(No. 1145) 1c 1910, inverted.

Lynn, Mass.—Two lines (LYNN—MASS.) vertical inscription in square frame 15 mm. high x 12 mm. wide, lines composing frame about 3/4 mm. thick. 3c 1910, reading up.

Battle Creek, Mich.—(BATTLE—CREEK—MICH.) three lines, horizontal inscription, in capitals with

serifs, two lines above and below, inscription space 13 mm. wide, top and bottom lines 3/4 mm. wide, other lines 1/4 mm. wide. 5c 1910.

Chicago, Ill.—Two lines (CHICAGO—ILLINOIS) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals between two lines 14 1/2 mm. apart, liners 1 mm. thick. 1c 1912, inverted, double.

Henry E. Holley reports having found the die variety reported by B. Douglas Goode in No. 1154, and submits specimens in proof of his statement. Mr. Holley also reports finding other defects in the 1c stamp, due to imperfect inking. Mr. Holley has found panes of 6 and 14 stamps with the variety discovered by Mr. Goode, and it is fair to presume, that the variety occurs in all the stamps of a full sheet.

Frank B. Eldredge sends us a number of curious postmarks from postoffices in the United States and Canada, similar to that used to advertise the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. These are "Perry's Victory Centennial Put-in-Bay, Ohio, 1913," "Hamilton Centennial Industrial Exposition, Hamilton, Ont.," "Dominion Fair, Brandon, Man.," and "Ottawa Horse Show," Ottawa, Ont.

A. G. Johnson shows us specimens of the 2c of 1887, on manila paper, with a strongly-marked colorless line extending downward from the centre point of the shield through the numeral of value. Mr. Johnson reports having found 25 of these in lot of 105 envelopes, always on manila or manila paper. Regarding the 2c envelope of 1887 on amber paper, Mr. Johnson writes:

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No. 2—The lines and letters are very heavy and of uniform strength, the notches of the serrated inner oval come to a point at the bottom, forming sharp saw teeth; the teeth of the outer serrated oval are very close to the line, touching it in a great many places.

AUSTRALIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1/2d of the new Commonwealth series, the design being the same as the 1d previously chronicled.

Adhesive.

1/2d yellow green.

CUBA.—A. G. Johnson calls our attention to the fact that specimens of the 25c of 1878 are to be found without the period between "Cuba" and "1878". This occurs on both the dark green and yellow green stamps.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—Harry E. Huber reports the 1/4d value in the King George series. The value appears in color on a plain background, the same as the 2d, 2sh and 3sh values issued last spring. This new value was printed from the King George "Postage and Revenue" keyplate, and was placed on sale at George Town, Feb. 10, 1913.

Adhesive.

1/4d brown.

DENMARK.—A. G. Johnson shows us a copy of the 4 ore stamp of 1874-79, No. 26, which has oblong quadrille lines in the back, which do not yield to thorough soaking.

EGYPT.—Sudan.—Lemaire's Journal notes that the first value of a new series for the Sudan has already appeared. The design is similar to the current issue, but smaller. This change is due to the complaints of business houses regarding the awkwardness of the old stamps. Other values are to follow shortly.

Adhesive.

2m green.

GIBRALTAR.—John Fischer has shown us specimens of the 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d

and 6d King George stamps, chronicled in No. 1130.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—The 1d red King George stamp was put on sale on Ocean Island towards the end of last year, according to a circular letter of the Postmaster sent to Hermann Focke, under date of Dec. 12, 1912.

The 2d and 2 1/2d Pandanus tree were still in circulation on that day. Through the courtesy of Mr. Focke we are able to reproduce the most interesting portions of this letter as follows:

The only remittances which can be accepted are British postal orders, which should be left blank, Sydney money orders, Bank of England notes, or coin of Great Britain.

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At the date of the issue of the letter, all the issue of stamps surcharged on Fiji Islands stamps were exhausted, and also all of the Pandanus type, except the 2d and 2 1/2d, which were still on sale. There were also on sale the following values of the King George series: 1/2d, 1d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 1sh, 2sh, 2sh 6d and 5sh.

Philatelists are requested to state in their requisitions what they require in case the Postmaster cannot fill their orders exactly. All communications regarding stamps should be addressed to the "Chief Postmaster, Ocean Island," and not to individual officers, who may be on leave or transferred from the Island.

GREECE.—Offices in Turkey.—The Rev. J. Dreyer sends us a budget of information regarding the Turkish stamps overprinted for use in Metelin;

1907 Austria, 1h to 2k, 15 var..... .13
1894 Bolivia, 1c to 100c, 7 var..... .48
1909 *Crete, 1l to 25l, 5 var..... .18
1897 *Ecuador, 2, 5, 10..... .18
1901 " 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c, 1s..... .18
1911 " 1, 2, 5, 10c..... .48
1911 Greece, 1l to 10l, 5 var..... .08
1898 *Hayti, 1c to 10c, 8 var..... .30
1912 Salvador, 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 17c..... .15
1903 *Prussia, 2pt to 60pf, 8 var..... .48

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Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a specimen of the current Greek stamps surcharged "Lemnos" in Greek characters. There are 16 values, all of the 1911 issue, except the 20l, which is of the 1901 issue. The overprint on the 5l is in red, all other values being surcharged in black.

GRANADA.—Hermann Focke sends us the 1sh value of the new King George series, in the design previously described. The entire set is now on sale in the Colony, as given below. It is noted that the 2d value is in orange and not gray. Does this mean an early change to conform to the color scheme?

Adhesives.

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 1d red.
 2d orange.
 2½d ultramarine.
 3d violet on yellow.
 6d violet.
 1sh black on green.
 2sh violet and blue on blue.
 5sh green and red on yellow.
 10sh green and red on green.

GUATEMALA.—A. W. Dunning has shown us Scott's No. 124, 25c on 1c dark green, with the surcharge vertical instead of horizontal; also Scott's No. 77c with surcharge inverted.

HONDURAS.—Dr. Roy F. DeSart reports having received two covers from Honduras bearing two 6c stamps and a diagonal half of another 6c used as a 3c.

INDIA.—W. T. Wilson has shown us the new 4a stamp surcharged "Service," and also the 2a 6p in the redrawn type. The oval is larger than in the 4a stamp the value in figures appearing in a tablet at the bottom.

Adhesive.

2a 6p dark ultramarine.
Official Adhesive.
 4a olive green; black surcharge.

Chamba.—The following Georgian stamps of India have been surcharged for use in Chamba and have been shown us by W. T. Wilson. The regular postage stamps have the surcharge in two lines near the bottom of the stamp, thus "Chamba—State." In the officials the name of the state appears at the top, "Service" being at the bottom as in the regular India stamps. The list is as follows: Postage—½a, ½a, 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 6a, 8a, 12a; Service—½a, ½a, 1a, 2a.

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Jhind.—W. T. Wilson shows us several values of the King George Indian stamps surcharged "Jhind—State," in two lines, as follows: ¼a, ½a, 1a, 2a, 3a, 6a.

JAMAICA.—Hermann Focke shows us the 2½d King George. This was reported some time ago as having been seen with "Specimen" surcharge, but has just been issued in the Island. The set now includes the 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d and 1sh values. The design is Scott's A17.

Adhesive.

2½d ultramarine.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 3d in the King George series. The ¼d, ½d, 1d, 2d and 2½d values having been previously chronicled.

Adhesive.

3d violet on yellow.

PAPUA.—Whitfield King & Co. send us the 1sh lemon yellow, perforated 12½, and report that the 6d and 1sh with this perforation have been perforated "O S" for official use.

RUSSIA.—*Offices in the Levant.*—We are indebted to the Rev. J. Dreyer and Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg for specimens of and information regarding the new issue for the Russian Offices in the Levant.

SIAM.—Our French contemporaries, *Lemaire's Journal*, and *Maury's Collectionneur* chronicle further baht values in the new set.

Adhesives.

2b carmine and brown.
 3b green and slate.
 5b violet and black.
 10b olive and brown violet.
 20b dark blue and brown red.

TIBET.—W. T. Wilson sends us the new issue, which has already been illustrated. The stamps are poorly printed, the ink being smudged and the engraving crude to a degree. Mr. Wilson says: "The traugha is the unit of Tibetan coinage. At present it is worth about 4d, but formerly 5½d, i.e., ½ of the Indian rupee. I understand the above stamps have been put in use in Tibet by the Dalai Lama and that they are only likely to be a very temporary issue."

Adhesives.

1 kang (1a) green.
 1 kanga (2a) blue.
 1 chegye (3a) mauve.
 1 sho (4a) deep red.
 1 tram (6a) vermilion.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 2½d in the new series, the ½d and 1d having been previously chronicled.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.—*Ewen's Weekly* has been officially informed that after the 31st of March, 1913, such quantities of the following denominations of postage stamps of the King Edward issue, namely, ½d, 1d, 3d, 1sh, 2sh, 3sh, as remain on hand will be withdrawn, and the King George issue will then be sold concurrently with the ship issue, until the latter is exhausted. The following denominations of the ship issue, of which the plates have been destroyed are exhausted, namely, 3d, 2sh and 3sh.

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COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 25, 1913.

Editor MEKEEL'S WEEKLY:

I send herewith my solution of your contest in THE WEEKLY of February eighth. I am sorry that it is incomplete, but I have tried my best, not so much for the prize as that I hated to acknowledge defeat. It is no easy task to examine carefully 896 pages of fine print. During the hunt I came across some curious things that might prove interesting to your readers.

On page 76, note after No. 286, Scott informs us that "No Official stamps are no longer in use," while on page 308 the 1908 issue is described as being "similar to the issue of 19003," which is very remarkable foresight. According to some visionaries by that time we will be communicating with each other by means of thought waves; hence, philatelists will have to be satisfied with obsolete issues, unless reprints, counterfeits, re-issues, special printings, etc., which never grow less should still be in vogue.

The India stamp, A23, page 405, has the English sentence completely reversed, and on A24 on the same page the English sentence is inverted, while the native characters and the corner letters are in their proper positions.

A. G. JOHNSON.

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EDITORIAL.

Now we Know—Last week we told of the discovery of an old circular printed in the late '40's offering sets of postmarking and post-rating stamps to postmasters and promised to show how its information would decide definitely certain points that heretofore could not be dismissed absolutely as having been fully met. In fact, some speculation that has been indulged in to account for certain unusual markings may now be forgotten in the light of the new testimony. A "Paid 3" in circle or a fancy "3" on which Paid was outlined in white letters impressed on different denominations of the 1851 issue, for instance, has been known to excite fond imaginings of provisional tinge. A "V" or "X" in a circle on a corner of an envelope plainly postmarked in addition has lead loyal owners to exult in the thought that they had an unknown provisional. We find all these types of impression illustrated in the circular; and as all these "Improved Post Office Stamps, engraved on box wood," were advertised to give the plainest impression, markings from them had an unusually clean appearance. It is needless to say that these post office "stamps" which were advertised as superior to the metal stamps furnished by the department saw many years of service here and there in offices, as stamp obliterators.

Pioneer Precancellation—The first precanceled "stamp" we are now prepared to prove was that of Ludlow, Mass., in the time of the circular that has been mentioned. On the face of the cover, in addition to the die-printed postmark, which is dated Jun. 1, without the year, of course, is the printed word, Paid, and also, for good measure, an additional Paid 3, the circular rate at the time, the late forties, also printed. All the foregoing printings were upon the face of the circular which was addressed to postmasters in different states, "Postmaster," and the name of the state having been printed.

A GOOD THING

We have secured the greater part of a sheet of the 1909 issue \$1 stamps in as pale a shade as the current Franklin \$1. The regular common color of this stamp is a dark purp brown, approaching black. The stamps of which we speak are much lighter in color and seem to have some red mixed in the printing ink. We will sell a few of these at \$2.00 a stamp and blocks of four at the same rate. There is one block of four with plate number at top which costs \$10.00.

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His Hallucination—Said the attendant at the Asylum for the Addled: "Yes, he is getting to be more cheerful and I must say that he is a thorough gent even if he is peculiar in the head. No wonder, though, his wits have become scrambled. You see, he had a terrible shock and that is why he acts so scared like. He had a small collection of duplicate stamps that he took to a dealer, expecting to receive a dollar or two but the dealer of his own accord said cheerily that the stamps were worth five dollars to him and that he was pleased to get them for that. The poor fellow dashed with a yell for the street but a policeman caught him and they soon brought him here. Now, he thinks that stamp dealers are nature's noblemen and that they are cruelly imposed upon by the wicked stamp collectors. He will soon get over it, I am sure."

To Resume—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who kept his stamp album on the parlor center-table along with the autograph and photograph albums? Is he pitching horseshoes somewhere with the o. f. c. who would not accept new issues as a gift because there were no places for them in the stamp album? What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who closed his shop at 4.30 every afternoon, whether there were customers present at the time or not? Is he talking over Greeley's campaign with the o. f. d. who used to handle decalcomania pictures as a side line to the stamps?

That Chinese Puzzle—Mr. L. C. Ernst comes to the rescue and submits the following solution of the mysterious conditions reported by Captain Clyde B. Parker, U. S. A.: "Answering Capt. Parker's query in No. 1155, page 57, I beg to say that the cancellation probably is a defective impression of the Imperial Japanese P-post O-office at Shanghai, which canceled the stamp after it had been affixed by the postmaster at Tangku to cover the foreign in addition to the inland (prepaid by the Chinese stamps) charges. The writer must have paid although he may not remember having done so, now. At that time—1900—the foreign mail (that is, matter directed to places outside of China) had to be franked with Chinese stamps sufficient to cover the amount of the foreign offices' charges, as the letters were handed to the offices for transmission, in addition to the inland or Chinese postal charges; China had no regular outside service. (See

article in A. J. of P.—August 31, 1894, page 386, et seq., by W. C. Eaton, Com., U. S. N.) These foreign offices on receiving the mail attached their own stamps which were accepted by the Universal Postal Union. If the P. M. at Tangku had Japanese stamps, they would do away with the necessity of attaching the excess Chinese stamps. Then, the Chinese post-office would cancel only its own stamps, leaving the other to be obliterated by the Japanese postoffice at Shanghai when the letter arrived there. This also accounts for the Japanese stamp overlapping the Tangku cancellation. I have the same postmark on a pair of Japanese 10 sen brown, used on a letter with Chinese stamps; and also, on a 10 sen Japanese Offices in China. My two covers have: eight Chinese 2c and one Chinese 10c, making 26c; deducting the 2 Japanese, or 20s, the excess is 6c and the second cover has 2 Chinese 1c; one Chinese 2c and one Chinese 10c, making 14c in all; the excess is 4c, after the Japanese 10s is deducted. There being no excess postage in Captain Parker's letter is the reason that I think that the P. M. at Tangku must have affixed the Japanese stamp, 10c, for foreign postage, the two Chinese 5c, rating the inland charges only."

Weekly Report—Sinpod, the stamp sage, says that he has found a buyer who never was disappointed in the condition of the stamps advertised as a great bargain: An auctioneer who never said during the course of the sale that he was giving the stamps away, almost: A reader of the philatelic papers who never had a word of adverse criticism for them and a stamp dealer who was never caught out of stock of an advertised stamp.

Nobody Knows—The following inquiry came from Grant Kinner of Cuba, New York: "Would you be kind enough to tell me through your columns who the first stamp collector was?" The question was referred at once to Sinpod who said: A philatelic historian records 1854 as the earliest date of a stamp collection; and he said that it was in that year that he saw stamps arranged on a chart, which, due license given, could be stretched into a stamp collection. Soon after adhesive stamps were issued in 1840, there were persons in Great Britain who "just accumulated them in duplicate."

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BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 21, 1913.
Mr. President and Gentlemen:

The year just passed has in some ways been an eventful one for the Society. One half of the officers were newly elected a year ago, and all have worked together to put activity into the various departments in their charge. Their own reports will tell you the details. It is the Secretary's regretful duty, however, to note in passing that the efforts of at least two known members were directed from early in the year toward the caricature and ridicule of almost everything connected with the conduct of the Society. It may have been started in jest, but soon degenerated to conduct unbecoming any member and distasteful to the majority. Vitriolic attacks upon some of the officers finally resulted in the expulsion of one member as entirely undesirable.

Complaint of malfeasance in office was presented by a former member of the Society against a former office holder, which charges were proved and resulted in the expulsion of another member. Both cases were appealed, but the action of the Governing Board, in whose hands such matters are placed by the Statutes, was decisively upheld by vote of the Society.

It is but natural that such occurrences should interfere with harmony and progress, and a Recruiting Committee which had been appointed early in the year was forced to suspend its endeavors until matters were finally settled. But in spite of this interruption, which it is hoped will not soon recur, there have been admitted 14 new members during the year. Unfortunately there have been 12 resignations, 7 dropped for non-payment of dues, and 1 death besides the 2 expulsions, so that the loss offsets our gain by reducing the total membership to 8 below last year's figures.

The membership is composed as follows:—Honorary 5, Non-resident 60, and Resident 110, a total of 175.

There have been held the usual ten regular or formal meetings during the year, and the usual twelve informal meetings. The attendance at the regular meetings has averaged 46.5, a gain of 13 over last year, which speaks well for the interest in the doings of the Society. No record of the attendance at the informal meetings has been kept, but it is estimated by constant attendants at these meetings that there may have been an average of perhaps 15 or more as a usual thing.

The Governing Board has held 13 meetings, an unusual record, but part of them were due to the extra work necessitated by the occurrences already noted at the beginning of this report. The members have labored diligently and conscientiously with the matters brought before them, with the welfare of the Society as the only object in their decisions.

It was deemed necessary to change the lock to the Club Room door, both as a precautionary measure and to get track of missing keys that had been given out without any record having been kept.

The Society was placed upon the Honorary List of Patrons for the International Exhibition held by the Junior Philatelic Society of London the past year, and also for those to be held in New York and in Paris during the present year.

A new membership list was issued during the year as the last edition had been exhausted.

The Society has lost a friend and well-wisher in the person of Mr. Henry J. Crocker of San Francisco, who had been a member since 1901. He died rather suddenly on Oct. 11, 1912. He was prominent in the stamp world, well known for his fine collections and especially for his magnificent specialized Hawaiians, was the author of a monograph on Hawaii, and was President of the Pacific Philatelic Society. He was greatly interested in the proposed stamp exhibition at San Francisco in 1915, for which he was laying great plans. His death came just before the announcement of his success as a medal winner at the International Exhibition in London in October. His loss to Philately has been keenly felt.

With regard to the Secretary's personal work during the year, it may be stated that 1240 notices of meetings have been sent out, 251 letters written, 10 packages mailed, besides 17 copies of the Statutes and 167 copies of the new membership lists, a total of 1685 pieces of mail matter.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. HOWES, Sec.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Dr. C. F. Roh submits two covers bearing the postmark of Beirut, Syria. On the one the 20pf Germany with the 1 piastre surcharge is used, but on the other envelope the stamp is minus the surcharge. Such varieties are interesting and are quite common here in the U. S. as well as abroad.

—The Kenwood Stamp Exchange of Chicago, Ill., has purchased the Smith Exchange of the same city.

—J. A. Wilkowski sends us a clipping from *Popular Mechanics* which pictures a new postage stamp vending machine which has been adopted by the gov-

ernment. This machine will be placed in the larger post offices of the country and will also be found in sub stations and possibly the big department stores. There are no levers or knobs to be worked.

—Our thanks are extended to P. M. Wolsieffer for a menu of the annual banquet of the C. P. S. held at the Palmer House, Feb. 27. It is a dainty affair and the dates Feb. 12 and Feb. 22 are made the more significant by the presence of two U. S. stamps, the 6c pink Lincoln and the 2c Internal Revenue Washington. Mr. Severn will no doubt report the banquet for the WEEKLY.

—Edward Michael has become the sole proprietor of the business formerly conducted under the firm name of Fred Michael & Brother and consequently, the sign above the door at the popular shop at 138 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, now reads: Edward Michael. He is to be congratulated upon having acquired his present prominence in commercial philately within a comparatively few years; and we hope that Mr. Michael's philatelic and numismatic prosperity will long continue.

—The Mack Stamp Co., Detroit, Mich., after using our trade column for a number of weeks has contracted for displayed space and their announcements will be a regular feature of our advertising columns.

—"While the first two advertisements brought in but few orders, I must tell you that the last one has been very successful. I have my hands full of work and inquiries and orders are coming in daily. I am glad that I have found out how to advertise in your valued paper and it is a satisfaction to state that the expected results have been obtained."—M. E. MARCHENA.

—F. M. Gilbert of Chicago, Ill., was a recent visitor at the WEEKLY office.

PLATE TO BE DESTROYED.

U. S. District Attorney Wise of New York has ordered the destruction of the plate of the beautiful exhibition stamps and all the stamps printed from it. Mr. Wise maintains that this label is too close an imitation of the U. S. Government postage stamps. We are advised of this fact just as we are going to press and will no doubt be able to give further information next week.

\$1 PARCEL POST TO BE CHANGED.

It is the purpose of the Government to withdraw the present dollar parcel post stamp and substitute a design with a modification of its central part. The color may also be changed in an effort to make it as much unlike the one-cent value as possible.

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*Chinkiang, 1894, com. set.....	.25
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KNICK-KNACKS.

We are told that the one dollar parcel post stamp is to have a sky-light; that is, the sky is to be lightened according to a tip from Washington.

"Sometimes I feel a stamp craving that is almost pain," confesses one of the soulful school. If it affected us that way, we should take something for it.

Entry in the Great Lilliputian Contest. An adult collector who said the dealer tried to rob him because he charged five per cent. over face for certain perfectly centered stamps, current issue, that are carried by only a few of the large offices.

"Is the enhancement in value of ancient stamps likely to be accelerated in the coming years?" is the opening lay of a hoity-toity contributor. Let us say nothing and keep him guessing.

"Before I became a stamp collector, I found it necessary to take a sedative to woo sweet sleep; but now I fall asleep over my stamps," says a reader. This is our idea of zero in complimentary allusion.

Parnassus Penflip has foresworn philately and its crew. Have you noticed that President Wilson has appointed him postmaster-general? Neither has Parnassus.

Someone has said that a stoker on one of the ocean steamers is a philatelist but we wager that he does not dalli with his stamps in the furnace room.

"How is this for an old-fashioned collector?" asks a reader who tells of a stranger who called on him to show him several stamps that he carried in his pocket handkerchief.

"I find that stamp collectors are always gentlemen," says a writer in the newspapers. Wrong. Some are ladies.

E. J. Linson's Auction Sale Takes Place MARCH 22-24 at 666 Broadway, Kingston, N. Y.

All bids to be in multiples of 5c if under \$1 and multiples of 10c if over \$1. All stamps in good condition unless otherwise stated. Lots of five or more stamps not returnable on account of minor defects. All stamps must be cash in three days if you cannot do this don't bid. All expense of mailing to be borne by purchaser.

Lot No.	Description	Cat.	Lot No.	Description	Cat.	Lot No.	Description	Cat.
1	U. S., No. 138, fair	4.00	235	Br. Guiana, No. 106, 12 pen. can. c.	..	353	Mexico No. 108, 40 copies	1.80
2	No. 80, slight tear	1.25	236	No. 100, 10 pen. can. copies	..	354	No. 118, 7 copies	1.75
3	No. 35, slight defect	1.25	237	Cayman Is. to Hayti, 20 var. 12 unused	4.50	355	No. 247, 80 copies	1.60
4	No. 42, four shades unused	2.00	238	to Fernando Po, 13 unused blks. of 4	7.98	356	No. 281, 45 copies	1.35
5	No. 50a, unused gum	3.50	239	to Gold Coast, 20 prs. unused and used	8.88	357	mixed lot, 54 copies	1.80
6	Strip of 5 Essay on goldbeaters' skin, 3c	..	240	China Rep. 1c, 25 copies	..	358	No. 248, 35 copies	1.05
7	No. 73, unused off center	1.50	241	3c local print, two copies	..	359	Approval Book used and unused errors etc.	21.01
8	No. 63a, unused off center	1.25	242	Col. Rep. No. 253a (12), 253c (10), 412 (17), 413 (5)	2.08	360	U. S. to Nic. inv. Mexico, errors, etc.	19.61
9	No. 63, No. 63a, No. 63b, used	4.80	243	No. 260, 13 cop. in pairs & strips	1.58	361	Nova Scotia to Rhodesia 10sh, etc.	24.85
10	No. 73, used per. cut into at left	1.85	244	No. 514, 8 o. g. copies	2.00	362	Freaks, errors, inverts, etc.	17.92
11	Nos. 68a, 78a, used	5.00	245	No. 153, 13 o. g. copies	1.04	363	Errors, imp. between pairs, etc.	21.18
12	No. 97 unused fine	5.00	246	No. 154, 8 o. g. copies	1.80	364	Patiala No. 80, 60 copies	..
13	No. 71 unused o. g. small tear	5.00	247	No. 152, 20 o. g. copies	2.00	365	Victoria 150 No. 62, 52 No. 162a, 18 No. 196, 2 No. 135	2.82
14	No. 210b large margins 3 sides	..	248	No. 305, 6 o. g. copies	4.50	366	Hayti 13 No. 99a, 9 No. 100	2.12
15	No. 205 pair double perforation	..	249	Rio Hacha Prov. used on entire	..	367	Hayti 3 No. 97, 4 No. 100, 9 No. 101, unused	2.34
16	Nos. 100, 190 used	2.75	250	Col. Rep. Nos. 88, 88a	1.85	368	Malta 1/2d green, 50 copies	1.00
17	No. 335b unused o. g. fine	1.50	251	No. 260, 14 used copies, pairs	1.68	369	Phil. Is. No. 190, sheet 100	3.00
18	No. 314b unused o. g. Sherman, rare fine	..	252	No. 253a, 30 o. g. copies 1/2e blks.	1.80	370	Victoria 25 No. 135, 8 No. 128	2.00
19	No. 324a unused o. g. fine line var.	..	253	No. 253c, 27 o. g. copies 1/2e blks.	1.35	371	Rhodesia No. 15 fiscal can. unused price	66.50
20	No. 323a unused o. g. center block, rare	..	254	Antigua No. 124 o. g. blk. of 18	1.92	372	Panama No. 102, blk. 8	..
21	No. 323 perf. vertically D. L. watermark strip 8	..	255	Tolima No. 72 o. g. blk. of 8	2.00	373	Nicaragua No. 10, blk. 8	4.80
22	Nos. 335a, 336a, 337a, arrow prs. unused o. g.	..	256	Dominica to Nicaragua 25 var.	4.82	374	No. 9, blk. 4	4.00
23	Executive 2c surcharged specimen	..	257	Dutch Indies Nos. 68, 69, 6 sets	1.35	375	New So. Wales, Gibbons Nos. 840, 841, strips 4	5.50
24	Justice No. 529 used off center	2.00	258	Buiten Beitz Nos. 60, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 73, 5, 6, 7, two sets	1.92	376	Mexico No. 247a superb mar. all sides	..
25	Justice 1 & 2c specimen	..	259	Ecuador No. 43, 8 superb copies used	1.44	377	No. 281a	..
26	1c unused slight tear, 6c used	2.50	260	No. 628, 12 used copies	1.20	378	No. 155a fine margins	..
27	3 & 6c used Treas. 1c unused	2.75	261	No. 26 imp. unlisted variety	..	379	Macao No. 18b, 6 unused	1.50
28	Navy 2c unused o. g. 6c used	1.40	262	Egypt No. 29 o. g. blk. of 30	1.20	380	Greece No. 42, pair unused	6.00
29	P. O. Dept. 12 & 15c used	1.75	263	No. 38, 35 o. g. copies	1.40	381	D. W. Indies No. 10a	1.50
30	War Dept. No. 582 unused	2.50	264	Fernando Po No. 78, 5 o. g. copies	1.50	382	Col. Rep. Nos. 17 to 127, unused face \$1.58	..
31	Newspaper Stamp No. 1013 used	1.50	265	No. 79, 2 o. g. pairs	1.40	383	No. 98a	..
32	Nos. 1064, 1092 unused	1.50	266	to Japan Corea, 12 o. g. blks. 4	5.40	384	No. 305 blk. 1	4.50
33	Postage Due No. 1215 imp. good margins	..	267	to Persia, 20 var.	3.85	385	No. 119, 135a, 277	3.50
34	Rev. No. 2860 large margins	5.00	268	Gilbert & Ellice Is. to Panama, 20 var.	4.75	386	No. 96 unused	2.00
35	No. 2858b four	4.00	269	Gr. Britain Charity stamps 1sh, 2sh 6d, face 90c	1.08	387	No. 200	1.25
36	No. 2870a close margins sold as is	3.00	270	Hayti No. 45 o. g. blk. of 9	1.85	388	Belgium No. 45 (2), face 80c	..
37	Nos. 2827, 2838a	1.35	271	No. 38 to 43, 5 sets	..	389	U. S. No. 314 freak on cover	..
38	Nos. 2855a, 2856a	2.50	272	No. 44 blk. of 4	..	390	No. 113 unused on piece	1.00
39	No. 2888, 2891 last rep'd	1.00	273	Honduras No. 65, 23 used copies	1.00	391	No. 157, 158b unused	2.50
40	No. 3003a pair rare	..	274	No. 65b pair	1.00	392	Dutch Indies No. 95, 7 superb cop.	1.05
41	Nos. 3163, 3196 unused	1.50	275	half of No. 132 used on entire with No. 138	2.64	393	No. 75, 7 superb copies	..
42	No. 3196 unused old paper	1.50	276	No. 95 to 102 used blk. of four	1.30	394	Env. containing 125 sq. cut env. stamps foreign	..
43	Confederate States No. 204 faded	3.00	277	Gwalior No. 123, 65 used copies	1.90	395	155 sq. cut Canada, Cuba, Costa Rica	..
44	Afghanistan No. 121 fine	2.00	278	No. 123, 80 used copies	1.50	396	50 sq. cut Nicaragua, N. S. Wales, 117 sq. cut India used & unused	..
45	No. 100 fine	1.00	279	Patiala No. 58, 30 used copies	2.50	397	110 sq. cut Argentina, Austria etc.	..
46	Bankok No. 8 fine used	2.50	280	No. 71, 50 used copies	1.50	398	25 sq. cut Ecuador, Argentina, etc.	..
47	Azores to France 11 o. g. copies fine	1.75	281	No. 71, 50 used copies	1.50	400	108 sq. cut Trinidad, Argentine, D. W. I.	..
48	Barbadoes No. 79a used fine	2.50	282	Macao No. 58b, six unused copies	1.50	401	120 sq. cut Hamburg, Hanover, etc.	..
49	Benadir to Macao 15 o. g. copies fine	2.30	283	No. 206, unused blks. (28)	1.12	402	190 sq. cut Guatemala, Great Britain, etc.	..
50	Brazil Nos. 58, 60, 65 unused gum	1.55	284	to Samoa, 25 var. 19 unused	5.50	403	310 sq. cut Wurtemberg	..
51	Br. Somaliland pair with raised D.	..	285	to Paraguay, 12 o. g. blks. of 4	9.28	404	100 sq. cut Barbados, Chili, Salvador	..
52	Canal Zone No. 33 error ZONE	..	286	New Foundland to Persia, 20 var.	10.00	405	185 sq. cut G. Britain, Gibraltar	..
53	Cayman Is. to Mauritius 15 var. unused	2.00	287	New So. Wales No. 31 slight defect	3.75	406	184 sq. cut U. S. used and unused	..
54	Ceylon No. 1 cut close lightly can.	10.00	288	Natal to Panama, 20 unused pairs	10.98	407	Japan No. 114, strip 8 cut	10.50
55	China Republic 1c four var. of sur.	..	289	Nicaragua, 43 var. 45 stamps	13.60	408	No. 113, pair cut	3.00
56	Col. Republic No. 318a block of four fine	2.40	290	24 stamps	9.15	409	No. 114	1.50
57	No. 154 large margins	..	291	206 pt. per. o. g. blk. of 4	2.40	410	Ecuador Tel. postally used, 506, 4, 5	1.05
58	No. 514 large margins	..	292	No. 10, block of 4 o. g.	4.50	411	Natal No. 16 repaired	1.00
59	No. 275 superb pair	1.00	293	No. 5 blk. 6 o. g.	4.00	412	Tasmania No. 65, Victoria No. 10, B. New Guinea P. I. No. 203, all damaged	2.25
60	No. 451b blk. of four fine	1.50	294	No. 9 blk. 4 o. g.	1.20	413	Approval sheets used and unused, fair lot	2.77
61	1/4 of 20c No. 58 used as 5c on pt. cover	..	295	No. 814 var. OFIC L	1.20	414	U. S. No. 31 blue can., Nos. 159, 165, 187 st. edge	1.33
62	No. 11a Bolivar strip of 6	1.50	296	No. 199 blk. 4	1.20	415	Nos. 71, 76, 78 used damaged, No. 146 unused	3.80
63	Costa Rica No. 218 inverted V for a in Official	..	297	No. 706a error sur. omitted	..	416	Nos. 88, 94 average	..
64	No. 80 and errors three varieties	..	298	No. 27a error o. g. pair	..	417	1899, 1 & 2c, 1c No. 63 st. edge	1.05
65	Cuba No. 13a, 23, 24, 50a, 63, 67 unused	2.10	299	No. 701a, 702a	3.00	418	Blks. of 4 Alaska imp. 1909	1.85
66	No. 43 used fine	1.50	300	Panama No. 10a, 2 o. g. copies	2.00	419	imp. pair 1909 imp.	1.50
67	D. W. Indies No. 5c used	1.50	301	Nos. 18, 19, 20 o. g. pairs	3.00	420	1847, 5c fine	1.50
68	No. 10a unused	1.50	302	No. 23 pair, one with comma after centavo	1.65	421	1869, 6c on cover fine worth more than catalogue	..
69	No. 10a, Nicaragua No. 5, Phil. Ids. No. 181	2.75	303	No. 5a o. g. blk. of 11	1.78	422	1869, 12c unused o. g. fine	4.00
70	Dutch Indies No. 76 seven superb copies used	1.05	304	Nos. 181, 182, 183, 184 (2 sets)	1.78	423	1869, 10c used very good	..
71	No. 77 seven superb copies, used	1.20	305	No. 59 pair, 1 has faint d'bl sur.	1.25	424	1869, 30c good	3.50
72	Ecuador No. 611a fine unused	1.25	306	Paraguay No. 121, 25 o. g. copies fine	1.84	425	Justice 10c good	2.50
73	No. 26a on piece of cover fine	..	307	Persia No. 688, 693 blks. 4	..	426	P. O. Dept., sheet of 25, No. 548a unused o. g.	7.50
74	No. 81 unused	1.25	308	Phil. Is. No. 241, 25 stamps O. B.	20.01	427	State Dept. No. 560 superb, worth full catalog	2.50
75	8 varieties used and unused fine	3.04	309	2c to 20c, 100 stamps 1906, up shades	14.48	428	90c No. 166	2.50
76	Ecuador No. 63 unused fine o. g.	2.50	310	No. 241 shades, 75 copies	12.34	429	90c No. 191	2.00
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78	Nos. 75, 78, 79, 80 unused o. g.	1.58	312	2c, 25 O. B. several varieties	4.36	431	No. 178 unused o. g.	2.00
79	France No. 9 used fair	1.50	313	4c, 75 copies, many shades	6.86	432	No. 220b blk. 4 unused o. g. fine	1.00
80	Nos. 7a, 46b	1.50	314	No. 242 double surcharge, O. B. one inverted	3.27	433	Confederate Mobile on cov. cor. def.	6.50
81	Great Britain No. 6 fine	1.50	315	to Samoa, 14 o. g. blks. of 4	9.38	434	434 Dutch Indies No. 89, (2) one error Java omitted	..
82	Grenada No. 6 very fine no gum	4.50	316	St. Helena to Siam, 20 prs.	7.00			
83	Guatemala No. 110b	..	317	St. Vincent to Uruguay, 20 var.	3.35			
84	No. 135b	..	318	Salvador 58 var.	6.85			
85	No. 137b	..	319	No. 793 to 800 o. g.	2.08			
86	Hamburg No. 2 used fine	1.50	320	Siam to Victoria, 20 varieties	4.13			
87	Hanover Nos. 6a, 12 fair	2.75	321	So. Nigeria to Victoria, 15 pairs	6.24			
88	Hanover No. 22a fair	1.75	322	Transvaal 1/2d on 1sh, No. 138, blk. of 12	..			
89	Hayti No. 11a unused no gum	2.00	323	No. 138 o. g. blk. 4 showing variety II	..			
90	Nos. 96 to 101 imp. fine margins	..	324	Venezuela No. 146 (8), 153 (3)	1.70			
91	Honduras No. 65b fine	1.00	325	o. g. blks. of 4, 8 var.	2.50			
92	India Patiala State small a error STATE	..	326	No. 153, 6 o. g. copies	1.80			
93	Italy No. 18 used fine	7.50	327	No. 208 blk. of 6 o. g.	2.10			
94	Luxembourg No. 12 corner creased	2.50	328	No. 153 blk. of 8 o. g.	3.00			
95	Malta No. 3a used slightly creased	2.50	329	Great Britain Nos. 27, 54, 56, 48, 66, 95, 105 average	8.25			
96	Macao to San Marino 15 o. g. var. fine	4.35	330	Nos. 58a, 59, 60, 66, 69, 71, 87 average	3.75			
97	Mauritius No. 49 slight tear can.	10.00	331	Japan No. 16 defects	7.50			
98	11 var. used and unused	1.07	332	No. 14 good	2.00			
99	Mexico No. 155a large margins	..	333	Nicaragua No. 50a imp. rare	2.00			
100	No. 284 per., 285 imp., on cov.	..	334	Panama No. 83, 5 o. g. copies	2.50			
101	Montenegro No. 4c unused	3.50	335	No. 28a error panama	..			
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103	Nos. 285 (3), 286 (1) small r in correo, large V in vale	1.30	337	Persia No. 378, 379 fine	3.00			
104	like No. 125 imp. pair	2.00	338	No. 380 fine	2.50			
105	No. 50a	2.00	339	No. 381 fine	4.00			
106	No. 190 blk. of 8 unused o. g.	2.40	340	No. 382 fine	2.50			
107	11 stamps, 10 varieties	4.25	341	Venezuela No. 230b	..			
108	Norway No. 16a unused o. g.	2.50	342	Tunis Nos. 31, 32, fifteen of each	5.28			
109	Orange Free State No. 42 o. g. creas	2.00	343	Venezuela 19, blk. 4	5.40			
			344	Nicaragua No. 10 blk. 9 o. g.	4.50			
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			346	No. 5 blk. 9 o. g.	..			
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—H. O. H. Shelley notes the receipt of a post card at Cupertino, Cal., mailed at Sacramento City and franked by a 1c Canada King George.

—We are indebted to the International Stamp Co. for two very beautiful calendars. They are works of art and those who are favored with them may well appreciate the courtesy extended. This company uses our columns occasionally and is doing a good business at DeGraf, Ohio.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from John Fischer (9), Harry H. Zobel, Hugo Kuenstler (9), Geo. H. Scharr (2), Jos. S. Moss (2), Earl Whiting, Leslie Davenport (3), Chas. Braun (2), C.

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CHAPTER XXXI.

6 Cents, Issue of 1870-79.

Almost simultaneously with the appearance of the 1 and 3 cent stamps of new design and shade, came the six cents. The portrait of Abraham Lincoln, sober and sombre as usual, appeared within an oval medallion. For the first time in the history of the postal issues carmine alone appeared as the color. What was one of the handsomest postage stamps of the entire series, in way of shade was afterwards made almost repulsive through a change of color.

What has been written of the lower values as to the embossing of the stamps was probably true of this denomination. But it is not absolutely certain whether or not the ungrilled labels appeared first or not, for the reason that the same plate was used for the printing of both, while in the other denominations the lowest numbered plates were without grilles. It is safe to assume that the first stamps issued were not "protected against cleaning"—as the claims of the inventor of the embossing process set forth. Perhaps it matters little, too.

The first delivery of six cents stamps by the National Bank Note Co. was made on or about April 15, 1870. It was several months later than this when the presence of the grille was chronicled in the philatelic press. But as no definite records were kept it is not likely that the exact dates of issue of either will ever be known.

Four sizes of grilles have been chronicled, as follows:

Size.	Points.
8 1/2 x 9 1/2	11x12
8 1/2 x 11	11x14
9x12	12x15
10x12	13x15

The shades, as classified by Mr. Luff are—carmine-rose, pale carmine rose, and carmine.

The only variety so far noted is the "end roller grille" or grille extending the entire length of stamp. The reason for this variety has been noted in a previous chapter. I have seen a copy with double grille.

A trifle greater variety of shades are found in the six cents without grille, classified as follows:

Pale rose, rose, brown rose, rose carmine, carmine, brown carmine, and violet carmine.

One variety only has been mentioned—on double paper.

Plates number 26 and 27 were made for this denomination, and the grilled stamps were printed from one, perhaps both, of these plates. So far as the writer is able to learn it has never been clearly settled whether both plates were so used, or not.

There were printed and delivered to the postoffice department between April 1, 1870 and April, 1873, of this denomination, 27,398,850 stamps. This included the grilled and without grille. No record was made of the numbers of each printed.

In 1873 the Continental Bank Note Company, having been awarded the contract, took up the making of postage stamps for the United States. All plates, dies, transfer rolls and designs were turned over to the new manufacturers, and to separate the work turned out by this firm, from that of its predecessors, a "secret mark" was made in the die. Some writers have asserted that the "secret marks" were cut into the plates, but this is very improbable—first, because the same plate numbers were not used by the two companies; second, it would have been impossible to retouch the engravings in each stamp design without showing some material difference, which has not been shown. The "secret mark" consisted of recutting and deepening the four vertical lines beginning at the left within ribbon which contains the word "Cents." The shades were few, only dull rose and brown rose being given by Mr. Luff. To which I believe should be added a shade of slightly dulled carmine. At least I have several copies in almost the same shade as the stamps of the National Bank Note Co.

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The Continental Bank Note Company used plates No. 18, 21, 304, 305.

There were printed and delivered, between May 1, 1873 and December 31, 1876, 15,290,000 stamps. Probably some stamps were printed on soft paper before the contract passed to the company's successors. There were printed by this concern, 14,995,800 stamps.

The American Bank Note Company took up the work of supplying the government with its postage stamps early in 1879, and on Feb. 4, in that year, made deliveries of stamps printed upon soft, porous paper. For the denomination of six cents it is not likely that any new plates were made, as all known prints were from plates No. 304 and 305, used by the Continental Bank Note Company.

Mr. Luff classifies the shades as follows: Pale dull rose, dull rose, brown rose. How many of these were printed before the re-engraved design was adopted I do not know.

Proofs should, by all means, be secured by specialists. A most acceptable addition is a nice, well centered block of four, which can occasionally be obtained. Few plate numbers exist, and a collector is fortunate enough to obtain one.

(To be continued.)

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—E. S. Bowden-Smart advises us that parcel post stamps are being used in the Canadian mails. He resides in Alberta and has seen many of these stamps used on mail between the two countries.

—Geo. M. Brack of St. Paul, Minn., applied to the P. O. Dept. over a year ago for some 5c stamps in coils. He advises us that he has just been notified that his application can be filled with the 5c value in perforated coils, stamps arranged sidewise. Mr. Brack is not at all enthusiastic over the haste displayed in meeting his application.

—Maitland Milliken sends us a clipping from the Denver Times which calls for a distinctive 2c postage stamp to help Denver in its celebration of the Last Grant Council of American Indians.

—Geo. O. Williams, Brownsville, Tex., is out in war paint after the dealers who send out unsolicited approval sheets. He also criticises in a communication to the WEEKLY the practise of certain firms in pricing stamps higher than catalog prices in order to allow fancy discounts.

—We are indebted to Herman W. Boers for two items of news. F. R. Schmalzriedt of Detroit, an active philatelist and a member of the A. P. S., has been nominated by the Republicans of that city as a candidate for representative-at-large upon Charter Commission. F. G. Sweet of Battle Creek, passing through Detroit on his way to New York, informed the local collectors that he was on his way to England and the continent on a five months' tour. Incidentally he took with him a grip full of fine stamps.

—The International Stamp Co. has submitted for our inspection a copy of the magnifying glass advertised elsewhere in this issue. For a small compass glass it is certainly a powerful one. It is convenient in form and can be easily carried in the pocket. The firm also sends two art calendars which it is distributing to its customers.

—W. F. Goerner sends us a newspaper clipping announcing the death of George E. Beard at Southern Pines, N. C., Feb. 27. Mr. Beard was an ardent philatelist and has been a subscriber to the WEEKLY for a considerable period. He was a man of great integrity and much respected by his fellow-citizens.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from John Fischer (7), H. Clark Jarrett, O. D. Challans, Hugo Kuenstler (11), H. W. Boers, Frank C. Threlfall, Geo W. Schaefer (3).

—The Watervliet Stamp Co. would like to locate W. J. Reed, Pittsburgh, Pa., John Timbers, Menomonee, Wis., L. Sturdevant, Indianapolis, Ind. If interested write the company at Watervliet, Mich. O. E. Rasor, St. Louis, Mo., is unable to locate H. Wilson of Orange, N. J. Mr. Rasor's address is 1516 S. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. Still another report comes to us from the Hussman Stamp Co., John A. Muchmore of Enid, Okla. being the party under fire.

—A mistake was made last week in attributing the usual ad on the first page to Fred Michael. Instead, the name of Edward Michael should have been appended. There is no business connections between these two firms.

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The clerks in their hurry of canceling the stamps have mistaken the patched up one-cent for the dollar stamp. The designs of the two stamps are similar, the exception being the centre picture.

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Our friend in Watervliet, Michigan, says: "I see that you are looking for the o. f. c. who distributes ashes from his pipe through his stamp album. Well, here is one who keeps the air green about half of the time for that very reason." Notice that "green" as an improvement over blue?

The aforesaid friend likewise is a double-barreled shooter. Again: "I would like to know what kind of bullets to use on the o. f. d. who sends out perfectly good stamps stuck to the sheets with a drop of cement, or perhaps it is glue. Neither explosive nor brass bullets seem effective enough." We have already paged this human pest without result.

Borus Blurp, our own philatelic poet laureate, is still pursuing the calendar:

March the month of gust and sleet
 Finds philatelic blood at fever heat.
 His lay sounds like a nurse's record at the hospital.

"Do not those split provisionals loan a rare dignity to the album page?" asks an advertiser. We cannot see how such cut-ups can do so.

"When misfortune o'ertakes me, I turn to my stamps for relief. They never fail me,—they provide food, drink and all creature comforts," says a writer who evidently knows the way to the philatelic pawn-shop.

Our Great Lilliputian Contest. A reader thinks that this chap is worthy to be crowned King of Lilliput: "An acquaintance bought an auction lot of two stamps, one of which he wanted. The other he asked that I buy, pro rata, but demanded that I pay the postage both from and to the auctioneer."

"I find M. S. Spat in our telephone directory. Is he a philatelic anagram?" chortles Embossed Emil. Shame on Emil.

"A great wave of philatelic interest is seething over the land," writes an observer who evidently has swallowed too much of the water.

"How can one tell a stamp that has been cleaned?" inquires a valued reader. Usually by the price at which it is offered.

A QUESTION OF POLICY.

TO THE EDITOR:—

I got a letter and report from the American Philatelic Society Sales Department by which I understand no more circuits will be sent to the Philippines. This being our only benefit received from the society, I doubt if we can hold our members. You may remember that your paper published our branch as the fourth in amount of sales, during 1911. The reason given, that sea air injures the gum, is to my mind

entirely inadequate. It doesn't. It is the moisture-saturated air of our rainy season, which begins in June or July and lasts till the end of November. But nobody here (except one) collects unused stamps and we had repeatedly asked that no unused stamps be sent here, I don't think we ought to be held responsible for any loss the owners of gummed stamps sent here may have suffered. I will here say that the class of unused stamps generally sent was a cheap class, that were perhaps seriously depreciated by losing their gum—but we didn't ask to see rubbish of that sort, anyway.

When you get through with reading this, if you don't want to print it, would you mind fraternally mailing it to whichever A. P. S. officer might be interested? If they want members out here they must send us sales books; I wouldn't ask anyone to join if they don't.

Note one of the objections to sending books out here is the length of time before books are returned to their owners. Well, I put in a book March 1, 1911, and some in June and July, 1911, and don't imagine any of these were sent as far away as here. Nothing heard of any of them yet. So I don't imagine the "time" objection amounts to much.

THEO. SIDDALL,
 Manila, Philippine Islands.

(NOTE.—As the Board of Vice-Presidents formulates the rules under which the Sales Superintendent conducts, we forwarded to them the enclosures of Mr. Siddall's letter, which were in the nature of protests against the ruling by members in the Philippines.)

EXHIBITION NEWS.

Thirty-two weeks to the opening of the Great International Stamp Exhibition to be held in New York City during the last week of October. The show has been fairly well boosted, but apparently every collector has not yet heard of the treat in store for him, because new members are coming in every day, and they are all anxious to get the beautiful set of stamps.

At present amateurs are all guessing what stamp is to be printed at the Exhibition! One thing is certain, it will not, and cannot be handsomer than the present Exhibition label. The annual meeting of the members of the Exhibition Association, was to have been held March 10. Particulars later. The directors then elected will have the entire management of the show and it is to be hoped that the best available men will be chosen. They will have great responsibility, and plenty of hard work. The efforts of the past year have only been preparatory, awakening the interest of collectors and gathering in the money needed to carry out the plans of the founder. Another five thousand dollars must be secured before the opening if the plans of its projectors are to be carried out in all their details.

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EDITORIAL.

Illustrations of U. S.—A reader asks: "Will you please advise me through the columns of your paper if there is published and for sale any book or books on United States postage stamps, envelopes, etc., with full-sized illustrations?" So often does this question in some guise or other reach us that a few words here are advisable. There is no treatise on United States issues with full-size illustrations of United States stamps that has appeared during the past twenty-five years or more. About 1885 or so, the government enacted a measure prohibitory of the use of any printed reproduction of its postal or monetary certificates, current or obsolete; and steps were instituted at once to enforce the law. For instance, Mr. E. B. Sterling, Trenton, New Jersey, who in the eighties used a business envelope with a cut of the seven-cent U. S. stamped envelope upon it perhaps was the first philatelic victim of the interdiction of the government as in the year 1884, Mr. Sterling's stock of these envelopes was confiscated and destroyed. Another business envelope of Mr. Sterling showed a cut of an adhesive United States but in this case, the authorities relented to the extent that Mr. Sterling was allowed to utilize these envelopes after the picture of the stamp had been blotted out, effectually. Since that time, only in isolated cases have reproductions of United States envelopes been circulated and outside of the Melville books, published in London, which may not be available generally and the foreign catalogues, usually with miniature reproductions, there is nothing to offer on the subject. Several years ago, an effort was made, under the auspices of the American Philatelic Society to yield a point in their interpretation of the law and allow the use of fac-simile printings for scientific purposes was not successful. While not without sympathy for the object of the resolution of the

A GOOD THING

We have secured the greater part of a sheet of the 1909 issue \$1 stamps in as pale a shade as the current Franklin \$1. The regular common color of this stamp is a dark purp e brown, approaching black. The stamps of which we speak are much lighter in color and seem to have some red mixed in the printing ink. We will sell a few of these at \$2.00 a stamp and blocks of four at the same rate. There is one block of four with plate number at top which costs \$10.00.

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society, which was supported by non-affiliated collectors as well, the authorities felt that it would be unwise to make any exception, even in the interests of education or instruction.

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Stretching a Point—As showing how jealously the authorities guard their preserves, we are informed that they have ordered the plate of the New York exhibition stamps destroyed because of its fancied similarity to United States postage stamps. So strict a construction of the law is akin to making a mountain out of a mole-hill, it seems to us. The head of Washington as used on the stamps souvenirs of the silver jubilee convention of the American Philatelic Society, Chicago, 1911, was the same as that used on the \$5.00 United States proprietary revenue stamp issued 1871-75. Evidently, the Chicago stamps escaped the attention of the Washington censors or else the word, "Souvenir", on the stamp was their passport.

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Half a Loaf—There are several works that are almost as satisfactory as books with the full-size illustrations would be. Toppan's "Notes Upon the United States and Confederate States Stamps and their Varieties," a ten-cent book, gives partial illustrations, both of adhesives and envelopes. Bartel's envelope publication shows the essential parts or die differences of the envelopes of the United States and there are several pamphlets in addition that show the varieties in United States issues. While it must be admitted that the novice in United States issues is adrift, yet he will soon learn that there are several anchors to the windward.

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Hold—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who carried his collection in a Farmers' and Merchants' Memorandum book, in his breast pocket, everywhere he went? Is he at choir practice somewhere with the o. f. c. who on Saturday morning would get down to the dealer's before the stamp shop was opened? What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who closed his office early on sunny afternoons so that he could see Troy play his home team in the National League? Is he telling one of Bill Nye's stories somewhere to the o. f. d. who asked his boy customers if they smoked cigarettes?

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There is Hope—Said the attendant at the Asylum for the Addled: "Do not be alarmed, gents; he is a gentle enough chap. Those microscopes, compasses, quadrants and what nots are the things he works with all day all by himself, disturbing nobody. It was this way. He says that he is on the track of a great discovery that will be the sensation of the age in philately. He has found a spot on Washington's nose on one of the current two-cent stamps; and he became so excited about it that his brains sagged and his folks sent him here. He is trying to prove what caused the spot and that is why his face is so drawn-like with hard study. Those books? Why, there is Hyde on

'Skin,' Wenn on 'Warts,' and a whole medical library on cutaneous affections. Soon as we can coax him into the sunshine, he will get over it, I am sure."

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He Has Said It—Sinpod, the stamp sage, says that he has found a collector who says that of all the stamp papers to which he has subscribed none suspended publication before the expiration of term of subscription: A member of a stamp society who never heard the secretary in his report enjoin each member to secure at least one new name during the coming year: A dealer who never had a star customer and a cataloguer who was never accused of pricing certain stamps too low so as to be able to buy them up himself at his own prices.

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Read the Letter—We trust that we violate no confidence in publishing the following letter, which breathes so kindly a spirit that it may serve as an inspiration to some of us cleave to the best sentiment in philately: "Manila, P. I., February 2nd, 1913. Mr. C. E. Severn, Chicago, Ill., Dear Sir:—Under date of December 13th, you wrote to my boy, John Kirkwood, Tacoma, Washington, in regard to your 'Shut-In's' proposition. He forwarded the entire deal to me as a matter of news. I wish to sincerely thank you for the letter. This boy is fourteen years old, and from his father inherits his love for stamp collecting. I have done all that I possibly could to teach him that a stamp is valuable, not at Scott's catalogue valuation but from personal association that surrounds its acquisition. I also have taught him to trade his duplicates, but to err on the side of generosity when figuring with his little pals. I have explained to him that in my travelling, he has a source of supply that is open to few, and that he should be generous and divide that opportunity with others. He writes me that he has sent to this Mr. Ira Fisher a line of approximately 500 varieties with instructions to take from the sheets any that he may wish. You may readily see that your suggestion works well with my teaching, and the pleasure that I took in his report was only equaled by the pleasure that the boy took in helping out this Mr. Fisher. Very truly yours, Chas. Kirkwood."

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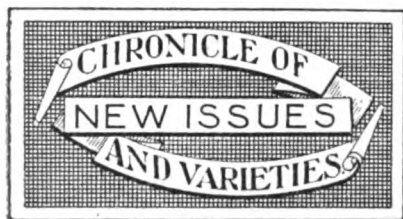
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UNITED STATES.—George O. Williams also reports finding a 2c envelope, current issue, this time 2c on oriental buff, with the stamp offset on the inside.

ARGENTINE.—Lemaire's Journal reports the issue of the remaining peso values in the Laborer series.

Adhesives.

5p slate and olive green.
10p violet and blue.
20p blue and red brown.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—J. A. Galbraith also shows us a used copy of the 1/4d King George stamp, chronicled in No. 1158.

AUSTRALIA.—Whitfield King & Co., the New England Stamp Co. and Morgan W. Taylor have shown us further values in the Commonwealth set, all in the "Kangaroo" design.

Adhesives.

2d gray.
5d red brown.
6d ultramarine.
1sh emerald green.

CEYLON.—Regarding the surcharges on Ceylon stamps and referring to Mr. Cooper's communication in No. 1155, Clark W. Brown writes as follows:

"Regarding the note on Ceylon stamps would say that I have specialized on Ceylon for a number of years and can give a little more information on the subject. The word 'Cave' is a type set surcharge made by the firm of H. W. Cave & Co. of Colombo, a large department store and answers just the same purpose as our own perforation of initials on the present United States stamps. So far as I know this is the only firm using a type set surcharge, but numbers of firms use rubber stamps for the same purpose, which shows the regular postmark also. Other small users of stamps when they send letters to the post office, by Coolies usually, draw one or more pen or pencil marks across the letter and stamps, so that it

will be easily noticed if the stamps are removed. Others write the word 'Stamped' across the letter or stamps. All simply to prevent stealing. Many collectors consider these stamps as revenue stamps but such is not the case, as the postmark is also found on the stamps."

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Hermann Focke reports the 1/2c and 5c values in the new set, which have hitherto been lacking.

Adhesives.

1/2c orange yellow and black.
5c blue and black.

FRENCH OCEANIA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the new set of stamps for the French colonies in Oceania. Like all the recent Colonial issues the stamps are of large size, 20x35 mm. There are three designs, all printed in two colors, on white paper. The values from 1c to 20c are upright rectangles, with the portrait of a native woman, with hair decorated with flowers as the central feature. "Etablissements de L'Océanie," appears at the top, "R" "F" in the lower corners, the value in an oval below the portrait, and "Postes" just below. The frame is conventional, that for all the values, that for the franc values being the most elaborate. The design for the values from 25c to 75c are also in the form of an upright rectangle, the picture showing two natives with cocoanuts with water and palms in the distance. The inscriptions are the same as for the lower values, though reversed in position, the name of the Colony being at the bottom. The drawing is simple yet attractive, and the effect is excellent. For the franc values, the design is a horizontal oblong, showing a wild river in the tropics between lofty mountains. The frame is more elaborate, largely made up of palm leaves. The monogram "RF" appears in the upper left corner and the value "5f" in the upper right, "Postes" repeated at the sides and "Etablissements de L'Océanie" in a single curved line at the bottom. The name of the artist H. Le Masson appears on all designs, though rather difficult to read on the second. The stamps are surface printed, mostly in the odd shades which have been so prominent in the later work of the French printers.

Adhesives.

1c violet and brown.
2c brown and black.
4c orange and blue.
5c green and yellow green.
10c carmine and orange.
20c black and violet.
25c purple and blue.
30c gray and brown.
35c green and carmine.
40c black and green.
45c yellow, brown and orange.
50c dark brown and black.
75c violet brown and violet.
1f carmine and black.
2f dark brown and green.
5f violet and blue.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1d value in the King George series.

Adhesive.

1d scarlet.

GREECE.—In No. 1153, we noted that the current 10l stamp, which had previously been engraved was now lithographed. We now find that the 5l and 25l values have also been lithographed, our authority being Lemaire's Journal.

GUATEMALA.—Sometime since it was announced that the current Guatemalan stamps were to be surcharged "Oficial" for official use. O. H. Eidsor reports having seen the 20c value, perforated "Oficial" instead of surcharged.

HUNGARY.—A new value has been added to the current set, according to Lemaire's Journal.

Adhesive.

16f blue green.

JAMAICA.—Morgan W. Taylor shows us a used copy of the 1d King George stamp.

Adhesive.

1d carmine.

PARAGUAY.—Lemaire's Journal notes the issue of three new series, including regular postage, official and postage due stamps. The stamps were printed by the South American Bank Note Co. The design is the same for the three sets, only the colors, values and inscriptions being changed.

Adhesives.

1c gray.
2c orange.
5c lilac.
10c green.
20c pale rose.
40c bright red.
75c blue.
80c yellow.
1p ultramarine.
1.25p light blue.
3p blue green.

Official Adhesives.

1c gray.
2c orange.
5c lilac.
10c green.
20c pale rose.
50c bright red.
75c blue.
1p ultramarine.
2p yellow.

Postage Due Adhesives.

1c maroon.
2c maroon.
5c maroon.
10c maroon.
20c maroon.
40c maroon.
1p maroon.
1.50p maroon.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—Through the courtesy of the New England Stamp Co. we are enabled to give a summary of the split provisional issues of this Colony, and we think our readers will be surprised at the number and variety

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First Issue—May, 1911.
Surcharged "Republica".
1 real on 2r orange; No. 240.
Perforated diagonally.

Second Issue—November, 1911.
Surcharged "Republica".
1 real on 2r orange; No. 240.
Perforated vertically.

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We mention this fact because we believe that an injustice has been done to Earl Parker, Pittsburgh, Pa., whose name was recently published in these columns under the heading given above. It is easy for misunderstandings to occur and until an attorney has passed upon all the facts in a given case we ought not to give space to any statement in connection with unsatisfactory business relations.

We withdraw Mr. Parker's name from the aforesaid list, and express our regrets at the publicity given him.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Result of the election: total number of votes cast, 11. From No. 19, 218, 129, 152, 214, 188, 206, 184, 217, 209 and 203. For president, Schachne, 11; for vice-president, Stone 8, Klosowski 3; for secretary, Edwards 11; for treasurer, Morse 11; for executive committee, Knoll 2, Carpenter 10, Fountain 11, Adler 9; for official organ, MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, 9.

I hereby declare the following to be the officers of the society for the coming year, beginning March 1st. For president, Siegfried Schachne, for vice-president, W. C. Stone, for secretary, S. M. Edwards, for treasurer, J. N. Morse, for executive committee, H. E. Carpenter, J. H. Fountain and Nicholas Adler, Official Organ, MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

New member, Edward W. Heusinger, No. 9, P. O. Box 1056, San Antonio, Texas.

Application for membership, Rev. L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wis., age 51, clergyman. References, Maitland Milliken, Denver, Colo., and S. M. Edwards, Argusville, N. D.; proposed by Maitland Milliken.

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S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.

ARGUSVILLE, N. D., Feb. 28, 1913.

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Has been sold and re-sold in the Wolsieffer auction sales.

Third Issue—January, 1912.
Without "Republica" surcharge.
1 real on 2r orange; No. 220.

Fourth Issue—July, 1912.
Surcharged "Republica".

1 real on 1r gray; No. 244.
6 reis on 9r gray lilac; No. 251.

Var. Small "6".

Without "Republica" surcharge.

1 1/2 reis on 2 1/2r yellow brown; No. 230.

2 reis on 2 1/2r yellow brown; No. 230.

3 reis on 2 1/2r yellow brown; No. 230.

6 reis on 9r gray lilac; No. 233.

Var. Small "6".

Fifth Issue—August, 1912.

Surcharged "Republica".

1 real on 1 tanga carmine rose; No. 252.

6 reis on 9r gray lilac; No. 251.

Var. Small "6".

Without "Republica" surcharge.

1 real on 1t carmine rose, No. 252.

1 1/2 reis on 9r gray violet; No. 233.

1 1/2 reis on 4t blue; No. 203.

2 reis on 4t blue; No. 203.

Var. Wrong font "I".

3 reis on 2t brown; No. 235.

Var. Wrong font "I".

6 reis on 9r dull violet; No. 200.

Var. Small "6".

Without "Republica" surcharge.

6 reis on 4 1/2r light green; No. 198.

Var. Small "6".

Without "Republica" surcharge.

2 reis on 2 1/2r on 9r gray violet; No. 218.

Var. Wrong font "I".

Without "Republica" surcharge.

1 real on 5t brown; No. 238.

1 real on 5t on 8t orange; No. 214.

1 real on 5t on 2t rose; No. 221.

1 real on 5t on 4t blue; No. 222.

3 reis on 5t brown; No. 238.

3 reis on 5t on 8t orange; No. 214.

3 reis on 5t on 2t rose; No. 221.

3 reis on 5t on 4t blue; No. 222.

Var. Wrong font "I".

6 reis on 8t red violet on rose; No. 230.

Var. Small "6".

Without "Republica" surcharge.

2 reis on 2 1/2r on 9r gray violet; No. 218.

Var. Wrong font "I".

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1 real on 5t brown; No. 238.

1 real on 5t on 8t orange; No. 214.

1 real on 5t on 2t rose; No. 221.

1 real on 5t on 4t blue; No. 222.

3 reis on 5t brown; No. 238.

3 reis on 5t on 8t orange; No. 214.

3 reis on 5t on 2t rose; No. 221.

3 reis on 5t on 4t blue; No. 222.

Var. Wrong font "I".

6 reis on 8t red violet on rose; No. 230.

Var. Small "6".

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2 reis on 2 1/2r on 9r gray violet; No. 218.

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1 real on 5t brown; No. 238.

1 real on 5t on 8t orange; No. 214.

1 real on 5t on 2t rose; No. 221.

1 real on 5t on 4t blue; No. 222.

3 reis on 5t brown; No. 238.

3 reis on 5t on 8t orange; No. 214.

3 reis on 5t on 2t rose; No. 221.

3 reis on 5t on 4t blue; No. 222.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 331, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Foreword.

In beginning this series of articles little is required in the way of an introductory note for the title is lucid enough. I may, however, point out that these articles are written solely for the guidance of the general collector, in which category, of course, all our boy readers are included. While all important philatelic facts will be recorded but little attention will be paid to minor varieties. Special stress will be laid on a study of the various designs and all necessary explanations will be given so that the lists of varieties appearing in the catalogues will be plain to the most inexperienced collector. In the "reference list," which will conclude each chapter, only such stamps will be included as may be considered "essential" and, as such, coming within the scope of the philatelist collecting on general lines.

The subject will be divided into the four main sections under which the stamps are usually classified, viz:—(a) the separate issues for the German States; (b) the issues for Germany proper; (c) German stamps overprinted for use in the foreign post-offices; and (d) the stamps for the German Colonies.

Baden.

The grand-duchy of Baden is a comparatively small territory, having an area of 5,821 square miles and a population of about two millions. It is bordered by the Rhine on the south and west, Wurtemberg on the east, and Bavaria on the north. Until the early part of the 19th century it played an insignificant part in European politics, but when Austria and Prussia were at war it sided with Austria. The results were disastrous, for when the tide of battle turned in favor of Prussia it found itself burdened with a huge war indemnity. It was forced to remodel its army on Prussian lines and join the North German Confederation. In the Franco-German war its troops fought on the German side, and in due time it became a part of the new German Empire. The grand-duchy has three votes in the Federal Council, and elects fourteen deputies to the Imperial Diet. The existing grand-duchy of Baden is a continuation and development of the ancient duchy of Swabia or Alemannia, principally through the two dynasties of the margraves of Baden-Baden and Baden-Durlach. In 1803 the ruling margrave of the united (1772) dynasties was made an elector of the empire, and in 1806 he proclaimed himself a sovereign grand-duke. The town of Baden is world famous for its mineral waters and baths. Though the healing virtues of the waters were known to the Romans (*Aquae Aureliae*) it only came into repute as a health resort about a century ago. It has a population of less than 20,000, but it is estimated that its annual visitors amount to at least four times that number.

In tracing the philatelic history of Baden in the "Adhesive Postage Stamps of Europe" the late Mr. W. A. S. Westoby wrote:

The postal administration of the Grand Duchy of Baden was formerly in the hands of the house of Thurn and Taxis; but the wars of the French Revolution, followed by those of the First Empire, so dislocated the service that Baden, in common with some of the other German States, withdrew from the Thurn and Taxis monopoly,

and established an independent postal administration. Since December 31st, 1871, the separate administration of Baden has ceased to exist, and the Post Office is now under the control of the general postal administration of the German Empire.

So long as it continued to issue postage stamps of its own the currency of Baden was the florin, equal to about 40c, divided into 60 kreuzer.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

On April 6th, 1850, the governments of Austria and Prussia established a Postal Convention for the interchange of correspondence at fixed rates and other German States were invited to join the Union. Among other things the Articles of this Convention stipulated that, as a rule, correspondence should be prepaid and that such prepayment should be effected by means of postage stamps as soon as practicable. Baden at once agreed to join the Union but as the sanction of the Legislative Assembly was necessary before the grand-duchy could officially become a member matters were delayed until the meeting of that body in the autumn of 1850. The Legislative Assembly gave its consent and also sanctioned the issue of postage stamps. In the meantime enquiries had been made regarding the safest and most economical method of manufacturing stamps so that directly legal enactment was given to the recommendation to join the Union, the authorities were in a position to proceed with the manufacture of suitable labels. It was decided to issue four values—1kr, 3kr, 6kr, and 9kr—and Mr. C. Naumann, of Frankfurt, was commissioned to engrave the dies while the paper was obtained from a local paper-maker. It was decided that the most economical method would be to print all values in black but use paper of a different color for each. Mr. Westoby states that "the dies were engraved on copper in relief, and consisted of two parts: the numeral of value was in the centre on a circular ground, the pattern of which varied in each value; while the rectangular frame was the same for all the values."

At the top we find "Baden" in German capitals; at the bottom is "Freimarke", meaning "Free stamp"; at the left is "Deutsch: Oestr: Postverein", signifying "German Austrian Postal Union"; and at the right is "Vertrag v. 6 April, 1850", meaning "Convention of April 6th, 1850". The latter date, as already explained, refers to that on which the Postal Union was established.

The dies for the four values were completed by Naumann on Dec. 20th, 1850, and 100 electrotypes were taken from each of them, except of the 1kr of which only fifty electros were cast. It was decided to print the 1kr in sheets of 45, in five rows of nine, and the other values in sheets of 90, in ten rows of nine. The extra clichés were kept in reserve in case any of the others should become damaged or worn and have to be replaced. The paper was machine-made, wove, and differed in color for each value. The paper for the 1kr was buff; that for the 3kr was orange; that for the 6kr bluish green; and that for the 9kr was rose-red showing a faint tinge of violet. The stamps were imperforate.

The stamps were printed by the University printer, Mr. Hasper, of Karlsruhe, ordinary black printers' ink being employed. By the end of February, 1851, a supply considered sufficient to last a year was ready but for some reason or other the stamps were not

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placed in issue until May 1st. The demand for stamps being much greater than had been anticipated the first supply was exhausted in less than three months and a further supply had to be printed. This second impression was ready in August and the paper used for the 3kr and 6kr differed in tint from that originally used. The color of that for the 3kr was yellow and that for the 6kr yellow-green. The plates differed also, the reserve clichés being added, so that the 1kr was printed in sheets of fifty and the other values in sheets of one hundred. The additional electrotypes were so added that the horizontal rows contained ten instead of nine specimens.

A well authenticated error of the 9kr is known this being printed on the bluish green paper of the 6kr. It is an exceedingly rare stamp and it is presumed that only one sheet was printed. Reprints of the 1kr, 3kr, and 6kr were made in 1867 and, except to an

expert, these are very difficult to distinguish from originals. The shades differ slightly, the paper for the 1kr and 3kr is thicker and the gum is white and smooth instead of being brown and crackly like the gum on the originals. Care should, therefore, be exercised in the purchase of unused specimens.



Reference List.

- May 1st, 1851. Black on colored paper. Imperf.
1. 1kr on buff, Scott's No. 1.
 2. 3kr on orange-yellow, Scott's Nos. 2 & 2a.
 3. 6kr on green, Scott's Nos. 3 & 3a.
 4. 9kr on lilac-rose, Scott's No. 4.

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ACROSS THE DIVIDE.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

The red-headed girl at the general delivery window in the postoffice in Willow was chewing gum, quite audibly, as she ran through a bundle of letters from the box labeled "M." The patron who was delaying the sale of a "book of two's" was also busy with a piece of gum, likewise spruce, a handful of which was cumbering the glass change-counter in front the Titian lady. I arrived in time to hear the fag end of the conversation.

"As I was sayin' to my first wife, gum is the gift o' the gods to them that has teeth—"

"Or a good dentist," ended the r. h. g. They both laughed.

By that time the man was turning away. The girl sighted me, waiting, and her face at once matched her hair. "I do beg your pardon," she began.

"I wanted to ask if you'd—"

"Have a piece of gum," drawled the other voice, as the owner passed out the door.

Both of us laughed. Really, the red-headed girl had a sense of humor. She pushed along a couple pieces of gum, which clinched the humor issue irrevocably.

"That's Frevor Moore," resumed the girl. "He is the one other stamp collector on the range. I wanted you to meet him. I told him you'd brought your collection with you, most likely, and I know he'd be glad to see it. He'll be back, so wait."

I waited. It was not ten minutes before the door was shadowed by the gum man. I had opportunity then to observe him more carefully, a young-faced man with hair quite grey, and brown eyes that looked at and through one. His walk was quietness itself, almost as if he scarcely touched the ground. On his head was the inevitable wide-brim, grey-white hat of Philadelphia make and Arizona adoption. He wore a light blue shirt, and his trousers were of khaki. Around his waist was a belt, but with the essential "forty-five," both gun and scabbard now absent. The stable held both I was sure, for in this frontier town the new arrival was allowed thirty minutes to

shed his gun, if sober; otherwise, as many seconds sufficed.

Moore came directly to me, his face alight with friendship.

"My name is Moore. I, too, am a stamp-lover, in a small way, and as we are the only ones this side Tucson, I thought we ought to meet."

The heat of Arizona midday was forgotten. It was the one oasis in months of desert-waiting. Moore's language, too, betrayed the culture which was sloughed when he talked with the girl, whereat I wondered.

"Give my love to your first wife," called the red-headed girl, as we went into the open, and she out of this story.

The shot hit, for the man laughed, and then explained that his "first wife" was a neighbor's child, age six, for whom he had promised to "wait while she grew up." The laugh was infectious.

"I want you to saddle up and come with me," said my new friend. "We'll be gone a fortnight, up at Lazy Bar; and I'll show you something in stamps that will open your eyes. They're not mine. It's the collection of a Spanish boy—Mexican—who was at the rodeo last year. Now he's in Mexico with one of the rebel bands. He's a fine boy, college-bred, and altogether too good to be tangled up in that affair. But it's his life, not mine."

Within an hour we were riding into the mountains. The second day we arrived at the long, low adobe ranch-house, peopled by two colliers and a Chinese cook. The boys, Moore explained, were "out on the range."

My host dived into a basin of water like a bird taking a plunge. "Best way to get cool," he explained. I was more circumspect.

"Now for the stamps," he said, as we finished dampening the towels. Moore's collection, mounted in several old International albums, vintage of '04, was not of great moment, although it contained some scarce United States, among them a set of the 1859 issue, and some B. N. A.'s that would pleasure even the most jaded collector. I recall New Brunswick, one shilling, unused

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without gum—"eaten by ants in India," explained the owner, sadly—and Cape Triangulars, fairly complete, in all printings, except the wood-blocks. There were some old Germans, too, which were notable for margins and cleanliness; and Sarawak was represented by No. 1, used, the rest nearly complete.

"I lived there—once," explained my host, in a voice which had the sound of a closed book.

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And so I turned the leaves to the end. Moore arose, and from beneath the cot pulled forth a trunk of prehistoric brand. He lifted the lid. "Here it is," said he, fondly, "and it's worth while,—this lot of stamps."

The collection was housed in a fine mahogany box, brass mounted. The albums, which were of the blank style, showed evidence of careful handling. "Mexico's the one country," said Moore, as he passed the books over to me. It was. My eyes opened. Here was a specialist's collection, fully "written up." My familiarity with Castilian made the thing a revelation.

"It's all there," said my host, "Everything."

And it was. Stamps surcharged with district names, and errors with and without; everything, regular and irregular, complete,—fine, clean, well-centered. Many stamps had their history carefully written out in a beautiful hand. I turned the leaves, and gasped.

"Campeche—yellow paper, and the white," declared my host, "and also complete, on the original."

The rare Chiapas were there, too, and Guadalupe; while Cuernavaca—Monterrey—Patzcuaro—Zocatecas (the last four doubtful as to authenticity) were here to prove their right to live in a specialist's collection.

Moore lighted his pipe, and as the embers glowed he began his story.

"José Escalante, when a student in the University at Mexico City, became interested in the stamps of his country through friendship with a fellow-student,—Santiago Garcia. It seems that some of Garcia's relatives had a room in the hacienda full of old letters, and Santiago, vacation time, spent his leisure hours looking them over for the stamps. There was about everything there, principally on covers. He wasn't allowed to absorb the letters, where envelopes had been dispensed with, so he soaked the stamps off. That was the beginning. Collectors are reborn in attics and in store-rooms, no matter where they first saw light.

"There was four years of college life, and then José and Santiago separated. Each had a fair collection of its kind; but, a few months later, when death made Santiago heir to the hacienda, and its grounds, with wealth besides in gold, the college chum was summoned. Further search of the store-room disclosed the greatest rarities known to collectors,—the Campeche. One year of work over these collections was rewarded most richly. The room was wealth personified. And then the mounting, and the study, and the writing-up! Other collections yielded their treasures, too, through the medium of exchange and purchase. Finally, both collections were merged into one.

"Then, at the end of the year, came the revolt against Diaz of the iron hand. Santiago was taken out, one morning, blind-folded, stood against a stone wall, and before the smoke cleared away he was at rest forever. José had taken no part in the quarrel until Diaz refused to intervene in the decree of death. It was a costly thing for that wily old diplomat, and led to his exile.

"José owns the collection, now. He is in revolt against the existing government. Any day I expect to hear of his end. He says it is Fate."

Then the silence brooded. Moore puffed at his pipe. I looked across the divide, seeing in vision a boy dying for a great principle. The sun dipped; then it sank behind the foothills. The glory had departed.

A NEW ALBUM WANTED.

By A. H. L.

The general collector, to-day, is swamped by the mass of new material that is continually coming on the market which not only makes heavy inroads on his finances but necessitates providing voluminous albums and, frequently, the devoting of more time than can well be spared, for the proper care of his acquisitions.

The specialist of a single country or group of countries not only has his work greatly curtailed, in comparison to the general collector, but he is restricted, ordinarily, to the work of one or two printing establishments with all that that implies as to limitation of design, engraving, printing, paper, etc. He misses, entirely, of course, the work of other houses and a superficial examination of his treasures by a non-collector conveys to the latter an impression of more or less monotony, of many rows of stamps apparently very much alike and forming little of general interest.

Now, my idea is for an album for commemorative issues only. Commemorative stamps have been issued by countries in all quarters of the globe and are examples of the best work in designing, engraving and printing of practically all the largest and most important printing establishments. They have a peculiarly strong historical interest for many of them are engravings in miniature of important events in the annals of various countries. They are rich in coloring and they vary in size.

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EDITORIAL

Paper Variation.—In speaking of variations in the stamps of the United States, the experienced collector is apt to be careful not to attach importance to details of difference that are not plain and in their way, distinctive. In other words, the variation must be an actual one whose development is not the result of the working of imagination before it is considered worth while to speak of it in print. Mr. Wm. L. Stevenson, Flint, Michigan, who is a student of United States stamps and whose research in the issues has been attended with good results thus far writes: "I am enclosing for your inspection, a pair of the current ten-cent received on a piece of mail, dated Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 26, 1913. It is not only not the same shade as commonly seen but it is on different, blotter-like paper and the surface indications are much those of a lithograph. Is it possible that some experiments from the new process are out? I have seen it stated that the new process would be simply a method of printing from a recessed-line cylinder instead of from a plate as at present. I have also seen it stated that it would be an off-set process in which the cylinder impression in ink would go on to a rubber, or similar, roller and from that to the paper, continuously. If the latter is correct, would the result not be much as in this pair? Would not the slight embossing of the design into the paper be raised on the back instead of on the front and would not the surface 'feel' be comparatively smooth?" Let sight be lost of any difference in shade of this ten-cent pair and the fact remains that it is on a thicker paper of a different "make" and due to the paper or a difference in printing operation, the impression shows up unfamiliarly. Any theories that we could advance for the printing difference, as it seems, would be worthless in the absence of some definite information but it is evident that there is a variation in paper; and as we have seen a one-cent green, current,

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on paper that we remember as of the same description, we are inclined to believe that there has been some experimenting indulged in at Washington. It has been pointed out to us that even the carefully prepared paper for our stamps is not always of uniform weight and that it is possible to find paper in some stamps that is slightly thicker than that in others, and *vice versa*, but the paper under discussion does not seem to be of any evanescent or unintentional variety.

Kangaroo Stamps.—As perhaps could be expected the Kangaroo issue of the Australian Commonwealth is meeting a "mixed reception," in which the dominant note is not one of flattering acclaim. Instead, the new stamps are encountering a bit of abuse and a round of ridicule. Some of the opposition newspapers in Australia gleefully and cleverly point their shafts of sarcasm at the design, which is characterized as that of a Brobdignagian kangaroo of lugubrious aspect on a continent of infant's size. We like the kangaroo for his amusing qualities as Josh Billings had it, rather than as the model of faunal grace. In fact, we rate it as little more lovely than the esteemed kiwi in the scale of philatelic zoology; and for particulars of the kiwi, see the New Zealand stamps.

As He Tells It.—Count Lapp De Booz is speaking: "I was shipwrecked on the isle of Allday off the African coast and the Blackamoors who had captured me were preparing to practice their horrid cannibalistic rites at my expense when I bethought me to take a last look at my beloved book of duplicates. Old Chief Ringnose observed my action and instantly, his ugly, oily countenance radiated the greatest joy. In a thrice, he brought from the royal hut, somewhat to my surprise, a stamp album; and soon, we were rubbing shoulder to shoulder as we exchanged duplicates. I got a lot of very valuable early Mauritius among other rarities in exchange for a few Seebecks. Old Ringnose wanted to abdicate his throne in my favor but as he was now ready to anticipate my every wish, I asked to be taken into the path of the British packets. This he did, tears streaming down his cheeks at the thought of parting. There may be something in this 'universality of philately' saying at that."

Calls For Him.—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who washed off the original gum from the early unused United States stamps to prevent it from cracking the paper? Is he consorting with the o. f. c. who as an office-boy could not afford to spend money for stamps but who stood before the stamp shop's window each noon-hour? What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who showed a tattered newspaper clipping from an old paper that once "wrote up" his business? Is he cracking Haverly minstrel jokes with the o. f. d. who mixed up the two eagle sets of the German Empire in his stock books?

Privately Printed.—Those who give attention to patriotic pictorial war envelopes of the civil war period may have noticed occasionally, the U. S., 1857-60 and the 1861 three-cent stamped envelopes with the patriotic emblem and text in colors. We have seen several varieties, pictorially, of these envelopes in unused condition and upon obtaining recently a used copy of the three-cent, 1857-60 stamped envelope with the Dix dictum, "If any man attempts to take it down, shoot him on the spot!" under the federal flag, an old-time stationer was consulted who said that one or more firms in Chicago had quantities of the government stamped envelopes embellished at its own expense and sold the envelopes at the rate of four cents each, the price charged at the post-office for a single stamped envelope, —without the picture, of course. Perhaps it is needless to say that the picture was not placed on the stamped envelope by the government or under its direction.

The Color Line.—Said the attendant at the Asylum for the Addled: "Poor fellow, I don't quite understand his case myself but his relatives who are fine people told the Doc that his 'habitual hallucinations' were that he was a chameleon, or something fierce like that. As I got the story, the chap tried to learn all the different stamp colors in the catalogue, by heart, but that puzzled look in his eyes shows that his main spring has become loose. He mutters to himself that way all the time. Listen to him saying: 'Full black, dull black, gray black, dark black, light black, coal black, shiny black, pitch black, sky black, black black,'—and so on, all day. He certainly is Little Rainbow but he cannot go any too soon to suit me."

See Them.—Sinpod the stamp sage says that he has found a collector who never had any duplicates to wonder how to get rid of advantageously: A dealer who did not mind paying the bill for an ad that brought not even a single reply: A philatelist who has not said to himself that he would like to attend the New York Stamp Exhibition and the officers of a stamp society who never discussed how to make the meetings more attractive to the members.

RICHMOND (VA.) RE-ORGANIZED.

The second meeting of the Richmond Stamp Club was held at the office of C. L. Droste, the Austro-Hungarian vice-consul, in the Crenshaw Building March 11. Mr. Droste presided, and the secretary, Binford Walford, read the minutes of the last meeting. Business of the club was then discussed. It was unanimously decided that the club would welcome new members, and all in attendance were appointed on a committee to personally invite any stamp collector to join.

As the club has on its roll some members who have been collecting stamps for many years, some as far back as 1870, it was decided to ask some of the older members to deliver

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CHAPTER XXXII.

7 Cents, Issue of 1870-79.

The writer is uncertain just how to classify this stamp—the 7 cents, which is by reason of its design and other characteristics a part of this series. It was not issued until almost a year after the others had made their appearance, and it was withdrawn from circulation after three years' service. It might, with propriety, be said to be a single issue in itself—1871 to 1875—and yet all authorities class it with the issue under course of study. To conform with this general custom I leave it as it is.

This stamp is added proof that the stamps of this general issue were not grided until some months after the first stamps made their appearance, in common with the facts as before stated. For if the grille had been employed at the time the first stamps were made, it is not likely that practically the same characteristics of the grille in measurement would apply to this later stamp. Besides, the number of grided specimens, as compared with those not grided, when large numbers are examined, will be about the same as the 6 and 15 cents. This fact might well be used and considered in substantiation of the points about the use of the grille as I have stated them in previous chapters.

The 7 cents stamp made its first appearance early in April, 1871, probably on April 10. It was first designed to use this denomination to prepay postage to Germany, which during the year 1870, was seven cents. Before the stamp could be issued, this postal rate was lowered to six cents, and this made a seven cent stamp of but little use. Later Denmark made a rate of seven cents, and this created considerable demand for this denomination. But upon the reduction in Denmark's rate, all use for such a stamp disappeared, and it was withdrawn from issue.

Three sizes of grilles are known, as follows:

Size.	Points.
8 1/2 x 10 1/2	11 x 13
10 x 12	13 x 15
10 x 12 1/2	13 x 16

The only variety in the grille is the "end roller" and double grilles.

Shades in the grided stamps are classified by Mr. Luff as scarlet vermilion and vermilion.

The 7 cent stamp, without grille, pos-

sesses little by way of variety. It is a difficult stamp to find lightly cancelled and evenly centered, most specimens having some fault which makes them far from acceptable to the average collector and an abomination to the condition "crank." It has not the various characteristics of the other stamps to swell the number of varieties, not even appearing on ribbed or double paper. The shades are scarlet vermilion, orange vermilion and vermilion.

Both the grided and ungrided were printed from plate No. 33. The number issued from April, 1871 to April, 1873 was 2,946,900 stamps.

When the Continental Bank Note Co. took over the contract, it added secret marks to this stamp, as with most of the others. This mark was a small semi-circle drawn around the horizontal and vertical lines which formed a sort of "ball" at the lower right hand corner of the design. The diagrams in the catalogs explain this very fully. In shades there are but two, vermilion and scarlet vermilion.

There are two varieties—the Continental grille, used for legal purposes, and it comes on ribbed paper. The Continental issue was printed from Plate No. 22.

The new makers made no improvement in perforating the stamps evenly, and most of them are much off center. What the manufacturers left in passably fair condition by way of centering, the postmasters usually added to the destruction by applying hideous black postmarks, so that nowadays collectors sometimes examine dozens and scores of copies before they succeed in finding one which will not disgrace their albums.

The stamps were withdrawn from circulation in 1875, and the total number printed by the Continental Bank Note Company was 3,078,500.

A committee, bent on destruction, visited the vaults of the postal department on January 14, 1885, and upon leaving reported to the postmaster general that they had destroyed 545,600 stamps of this denomination.

In addition to the above stamps proofs may profitably be collected. Hard things to get are "Town" cancellations and particularly scarce are those showing year dates. Red cancellations, showing town and date, are rare and sought after by some specialists.

(To be continued.)

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"I am ardent in my love for philately; perhaps, my ardor is too great. What is the cause of my ardency?" trills Tremolo, the sad stamp scribe. A little too much of "the ardent" is our guess.

At a stamp society meeting according to the report, the treasurer "was touched by the confidence that had been reposed in him." Did some member pay his dues without being dunned for them?

A youthful writer sent a contribution, "The Art of Philately," to a solid, scientific German paper with the request that the editor translate the article into German and publish it in his paper. We dare not translate the remarks of the venerable editor aforesaid, upon the receipt of the article.

"Proudly I wore my philatelic insignia in my coat lapel to the stamp meeting but as I slumbered in the car homeward bound, someone touched the button and consequently when I got to my home, I was lighted up with indignation," says Embossed Emil. The indignation part fools us not, Emil.

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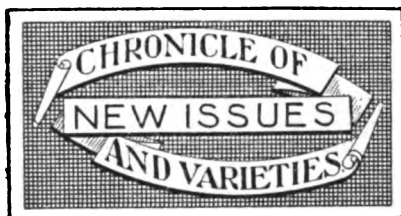
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UNITED STATES.—The Rev. J. Dreyer writes as follows: "Referring to my note of recent date, I may add that while the stamped envelopes of No. 8 size in the new-cut pattern have been issued in amber and white, they will not be supplied in blue or oriental buff. Nos. 7 and 9 will not be issued in the new-cut pattern. The present one-cent McKinley postal card is soon to be issued (if not already so) with an improved border design around the portrait and printed in green ink on cream-colored card."

Frank B. Eldridge lists the following new precancels:

Chicago, Ill. (1153).—15c, 1913, Parcel Post, inverted; 15c, 1913, Parcel Post.

Yonkers, N. Y.—Four horizontal lines, 5 mm. apart, lines 1 mm. thick. 1c, 1912, triple strike.

Detroit, Mich.—Two lines (DETROIT—MICH?) horizontal inscription in capitals with serifs, between two bars, 13 mm. apart, bars 1½ mm. thick. 1c, 1912. Reported by Brig. Gen'l C. A. Coolidge.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Two lines (Minneapolis—MINN.) horizontal inscription, between two lines, 12½ mm. apart, and 1 mm. in thickness. 2c, 1912.

Cleveland, Ohio (No. 1153).—2c, 1913, Parcel Post.

AUSTRIA.—A correspondent of *Even's Weekly* writes as follows:

"By order of the Ministry of Commerce there will be some change in the Austrian postage stamps. The values from 1 heller to 35 hellers will, in future be printed on unsurfaced paper. Owing to this change the colour of the 6 heller stamp will be light brown instead of yellow, and the colour of the 10 heller will be carmine instead of claret. The 50 heller dark green will become obsolete, and will be replaced by the 72 heller brown, in the same design (Emperor Francis Joseph in Field-Marshal's dress as in the 50 heller stamp). The remaining stock of values 1 to 35 heller on surfaced paper and the 50 heller will be entirely destroyed."

AUSTRALIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us two more values in the new Commonwealth set.

Adhesives.

3d pale olive.
2sh brown.

The following article from the *British Australasian* shows that the new design is anything but approved of.

The new Commonwealth stamp, which replaces the separate issues of the various States, is deservedly meeting with ridicule and abuse from practically all the papers in the Commonwealth. The kangaroo, which we have embodied in our coat of arms, is there quite in its right place, and on the whole is rather a fine creature, but greatly as we are attached to our distinctive animals, we do not want them figuring in everything that belongs to the Commonwealth, and we are in agreement with the *Age*, which says:—"The kangaroo which obtrudes his egregious bulk across the Lilliputian map of Australia is a decidedly dismal and melancholy figure. Our national spirit may not be exactly hilarious, but we seldom fall into such a state of mental dejection as is indicated by that drooping and lack-lustre marsupial—surely a libel on his sprightly and spring-footed species." "A feeble-looking kangaroo perched on the continent of Australia." "That," says the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, "is the best idea which those responsible for this production have been able to evolve, as to what is required in such circumstances." This paper goes on to suggest that the substitution of a kangaroo for the head of His Majesty, is likely to arouse in the outside world dubious speculations, if not as to the loyalty, at any rate as to the good taste of Australia. There is no doubt that the new stamp is entirely lacking in taste, but to drag a question of loyalty into the matter seems rather far-fetched. No imputations have been cast so far as we know upon the loyalty of Western Australia or Tasmania. Yet, in place of the King's head, Tasmanian stamps show a picture of Mount Wellington, while Western Australia has always been faithful to its swan. Some of the stamps of New Zealand, also, which in devotion to the Mother Country is not excelled by any other part of the Empire, are without the presentment of the King of England. A little while back the *Telegraph* suggested that the taking over of Government House in Sydney for State purposes was symptomatic of disloyalty, and if it persists in reflections of this kind, they may in the end be regarded as having something behind them, which would not be a good thing for Australia.

BELGIUM.—Four new values have been added to the postal packet set, according to *Lemaire's Journal*. The 35c is in the type of the centime values of the 1902 issue, the franc values being in the type of the franc values in the same set.

Postal Packet Adhesives.

35c brown and blue green.
4fr green and carmine.
5fr orange and green.
10fr olive and violet.

BOLIVIA.—*Lemaire's Journal* reports that three additions have been made to the series of 1901, now being reprinted in new colors. We have already noted several of the stamps in the new colors.

Adhesives.

1c vermilion.
2c carmine.
5c dark green.
8c orange.
10c gray violet.
20c violet and black.
50c purple.
1b blue and black.
2b black.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Another value in the new set chronicled last week has been shown us by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. This set is printed in the type of the new Grenadas described sometime since.

Adhesive.

11d lilac and carmine.

CAYMAN.—Specimen copies of the following values of the King George set have been shown us by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.

Adhesives.

1d scarlet.
4d green and carmine on yellow.
6d lilac and mauve.

GRENADA.—John Fischer, the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., and various other parties have shown us specimens of the new Grenada stamps, already chronicled.

RUSSIA.—*Offices in the Levant*.—We find that the 1½pi on 15k was omitted from the list printed in No. 1157, though described in the text. The New England Stamp Co. has now shown us further values of the series. There is also a 50pi on 5r, but we have not yet seen it.

Adhesives.

1½pi on 15k brown.
5pi on dark brown and slate.
7pi on 70k green and brown.
10pi on 1r yellow green.
20pi on 2r brown red.
30pi on 3r dark violet.

ST. VINCENT.—Further values have been shown us in the new series, chronicled in No. 1157, by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. The 2sh, 5sh and £1 stamps are in the type of Scott's A16, but printed in two colors. The 4d is in the new type noted in No. 1157.

Adhesives.

4d carmine on yellow.
2sh dark violet and ultramarine.
5sh blue green and carmine.
£1 black and violet.

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£2 lilac and blue.
£5 green and orange.

SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Though we have not yet seen the stamps, we understand that this Colony is to have stamps, with portrait of King George. *Lemaire's Journal* chronicles three values of the new series.

Adhesives.

1½d green.
1d carmine.
3d violet on yellow.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. have shown us several new values in the current set, all on paper watermarked multiple CA.

Adhesives.

3c carmine.
4c lilac.
8c ultramarine.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.—A new design has been adopted for this Colony, specimen copies having been shown us by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. The King's Head is framed in an oval band whose lower ends rest on small ovals containing the Turks head which gave the islands the name. This band bears the name of the Colony. The value in figures occurs on small shields in the upper corners, and the value in words at the bottom. The word "Postage" is printed just under the portrait oval.

Adhesives.

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1sh brown orange.
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NOTES.

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Cash contributions are coming in nicely and a complete list will be published in the near future. Mr. George W. Linn kindly offered a whole page of his coming series of U. S. Handbooks free of charge.

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THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Baden - Continued.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

Another printing of the stamps of the numeral type took place in 1853. The color of the 1kr not being considered satisfactory it was decided to print this value on plain white paper. At the same time, to reduce the cost of production, fifty additional clichés were made so that this value could be printed in sheets of 100 like the others of the series. In this printing, also, the 3kr and 6kr exchanged colors though for what reason is not clear unless there was some idea that these values might be confused with the similar denominations for the kingdom of Wurtemberg. No public notice of the change of colors was given but the information was conveyed to the post-offices in a general order dated June 3rd, 1853, as follows:—

You are hereby informed of a new impression of the postage stamps which will be sent you in a few days from the Grand Ducal General Post-office, in which the colours are changed, for the 6kr yellow, for the 3kr green, and white for the 1kr. All the Postoffices are informed of these changes, in order to render mistakes impossible. The new stamps are not to be sold to the public till the stock of the old ones is entirely exhausted.

From this notice it is plain that the new stamps could not have been issued prior to June 3rd, 1853 and as a matter of fact none of the values were used until 1854. The 1kr was issued in January of that year while the other values were placed on sale in the following month.

Later printings were made in 1854, 1855, and 1857 the colors remaining the same. Before the printing of 1857 took place complaint was made of the difficulty experienced in gumming the 3kr value. The manufacturers attributed this difficulty to the color of the paper and recommended paper of a new tint be used, blue being the color suggested. As, however, a large quantity of the green paper remained in stock and the paper maker would only take this back as "waste" it was decided to use this up before making any change. In 1858 another printing was made and the suggested change of color then took place. No notice of this change of paper to either public or officials has been found but from a study of dated specimens it seems proved that the blue 3kr was issued in December, 1858.

All four varieties were reprinted in 1867 and, like the reprints of the 1851 issue made at the same time, their detection is a difficult matter only possible to one who has made a special study of the stamps. The paper of the 1kr and 3kr is thicker than that used for the originals, the shades of all four are slightly different, and the gum is white and smooth.

Reference List.

- 1854-58. Imperforate.
5. 1kr black, Scott's No. 6.
6. 3kr black on green, Scott's No. 7.
7. 3kr black on blue, Scott's No. 9.
8. 6kr black on yellow, Scott's No. 8.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

After the last printing of the numeral stamps, which took place in 1859, the electrotypes had become so worn that it was evident new sets would have to be made for all values before further printing could take place. The neighbouring kingdom of Wurtemberg had adopted a new design showing the Arms of the State and as other countries were contemplating the adoption of more elaborate designs it is hardly surprising that the Baden Government was also considering the advisability of replacing its plain nu-

meral stamps with something more striking. As new plates were required anyway the time was opportune for a change. In an excellent article appearing in the *Philatelic Record* for 1894 we read

The Postal Administration sent in its report to the Government of the Grand Duchy on 21st June, 1859, setting forth the necessity of having fresh plates provided for printing the stamps, as those in use were worn out, and that the question had arisen whether the design should not be changed; that the present design was antiquated; that the printing on colored paper was not clear, nor were the stamps safe from imitation; that it would be better that the stamps should be printed on white paper in colors according to their values, and, as was then done elsewhere, the country should be denoted by the head of its Sovereign or its Arms; and that in order to render the stamps perfect, secure from imitation, and their separation readier, they should be perforated as in England and France.

The report was approved by the Ministry and on June 29th, 1859 the Postal administration was authorised to obtain the necessary dies for the new issue; to purchase white paper for printing the stamps; "to furnish the outer edges of the stamps with perforation, so as to facilitate their separation," and not to print any more stamps in the old designs but to use up all existing supplies.

From motives of economy it was decided to join with Wurtemberg in the purchase of a perforating machine. This was obtained from Vienna at a cost of 1200 florins (\$480.00) and set up at Karlsruhe for the joint use of both States.

Immediate steps were taken to procure suitable dies for the new issue and a specification detailing what was required was sent to two engravers—Ludwig Kurz, of Frankfort, and Friederich Eckard, of Karlsruhe. According to this specification the design was to be a square of 7½ Baden lines, or 23½ mm., there was to be one original die on steel or copper for each value, and from each of these 110 electrotypes were to be made "of the thickness of a Baden copper kreutzer" and mounted on metal. It was stipulated that proofs should be sent and that the engraving should be corrected if required. The engravers were desired to specify the price at which they would undertake the work. With each specification a carefully executed drawing of the proposed design in Indian ink was enclosed. Quoting from the article in the *Philatelic Record* again we read:—

The engraver Eckard declined to undertake the order under the conditions, but on the 15th July, Ludwig Kurz, of Frankfort, offered to undertake the work at the price of 10 florins for each die, and 48kr for each of the 110 electro-casts of each value. The cost of the whole would therefore be 392 florins (\$156.80). The order was given to Kurz on 24th August, 1859, and in October following he sent in a proof of the 3kr stamp. Some alterations were ordered to be made, and on 8th November he was informed that he might proceed with the other original dies. On the 23rd November he sent proofs of the 1, 3, 6, and 9kr, and he then proceeded with the electro-casts, which he delivered by the 23rd December—111 of each value, except that of the 3kr, of which he delivered 110. Kurz states that he engraved the original dies on copper in relief with the aid of aquafortis and that the drawing from which he worked was furnished by Herr Klimsch, of Frankfort.

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In February, 1860, the printer, Hasper, was asked to submit color trials of the various denominations. This order he complied with and, as they were not approved, he submitted further ones later on. On March 22nd, he was informed that the following colors had been chosen:—"For the 1kr, good English black printer's ink; for the 3kr, Berlin blue; for the 6kr, dark chrome yellow; and for the 9kr, light Munich cochineal lake. He was directed to make special efforts to keep the tints in the various printings quite uniform—an order to which he paid no particular attention. Plain white wove paper was used for this issue and, the question of gumming being under consideration, half of the first supply was gummed with an Austrian adhesive matter made of bone-glue, and the other half was gummed with the mucilage used in Saxony—a mixture of Syriac gum and glycerine. The latter was found the most satisfactory and it was used for

all subsequent supplies. The perforating machine gave a gauge of 13½ and was so constructed that an entire sheet of 100 stamps could be perforated at once.

The 1kr and 3kr were the first values to be printed and these appear to have been in use as early as June 1860, though the catalogues give the date of issue as 1861. As there were large stocks of the old 6kr and 9kr numeral stamps, which it was decided to use up, the corresponding values of the Arms type were not in use until fairly late in 1861 while they were not in general circulation throughout the grand-duchy until the following year. There were several printings of all values resulting in several strikingly different shades for the 3kr and 6kr. Of the former a printing in Prussian blue is distinctly rare unused.

In 1862 the perforating machine was overhauled and fitted with a new set of punches which gave a gauge of 10 in place of the previous 13½. The exact date at which this took place is not known but it was sometime between March and June. Supplies of all stamps printed in June or later are, therefore, perforated 10.

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CHAPTER XXXIII.

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9x12	12x15
10x12½	13x16

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It was grilled, for legal purposes only, the grille being the same size and having the same characteristics as mentioned in previous chapters.

The varieties noted are: Imperforate vertically, on ribbed paper and on double paper.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all
the news from the various philatelic centers.
Correspondents' names will be given unless
prohibited as we desire to give full credit for
services rendered.

—Thos. J. Eppes sends us in a new
yearly subscription for a Jacksonville,
Fla., friend and writes: "while not a
member of the Booster Club I push
the best stamp paper when I can." We
beg Mr. Eppes' pardon. He is a full
fledged member and the managing
editor rejoices.

—Edw. Wintermute takes an ad-
vanced degree in the Booster Club by
sending in a second new yearly sub-
scription within a week. It was per-
sonal work and a copy of the issue of
Feb. 22 that did the business.

—Freaks in the parcel post combina-
tions are constantly bobbing up. Ed-
win Gardner submits three of an inter-
esting nature. One piece of cover shows
4c postage, two cents regular and two
parcel post. Two other pieces of cover
show 2c and 10c parcel post stamps
pasted over parcel post stamps of the
same denomination. Mr. Gardner writes
of the last two:—"The manner in which
this happened is as follows: The per-
son to whom the package was originally
sent either could not be found or re-
fused to accept it. Accordingly the
postmaster then sent for return post-
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—We give Chas. A. Townsend addi-
tional degrees in the Booster Club this
week. He sends in two more new sub-
scribers and writes that he would adver-
tise in the WEEKLY were it not for the
fact that it has already given him an
amount of business that he is unable
to handle.

—Our friend and contributor, Edwin
B. Hill, Box 638, Mesa, Ariz., would
like to obtain some numbers of E. F.
Gamb's *St. Louis Philatelist*, and also
copies of his old price lists. Who will
favor him?

—The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of
Cleveland, Ohio, celebrated its 23rd an-
niversary March 20, with a banquet.

—The Singer Stamp Corporation,
Harrisburg, Pa., is introduced to our
readers by a displayed advertisement in
this number. The firm has devised a
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to be new and novel. It is well worth
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protest, to any dissatisfied customer.
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—From the last number of the *West*
we note that the Southern Philatelic
Association is taking on a new lease
of life, nearly thirty applications for
membership being posted this month.
Information can be obtained from C.
V. Webb, Perry, Ohio.

—It is currently reported that the
stamps of the British Colonies, King
George issues, are to appear in the
new watermark. This is important if
true.

—Clippings are acknowledged with
thanks from Henry McConnell (5),
Geo. W. Schaefer (9), F. J. Parater,
Jr. (2), E. B. Charman, F. E. Greene
(6), H. S. Williams (2), Rev. Louis
Voss (2), Hugo Kuenstler (8), John
Fischer (20), M. A. Lesser, Fred J.
Jones, H. S. Williams (3).

—The "special property" of 415 lots in
Wolsieffer's auction sale of March 29th
belonged to Mr. C. A. Howes of the
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special collections, of course.

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centered, no gum	15.00 5.00	\$1.00	8.00 2.00
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EDITORIAL.

Big Edition—It is very gratifying to us that the stamp dealers are so liberal in their advertising allotment for our special numbers. It is not with wholly selfish reasons that these specials are projected. While each number of the kind means a substantial increase in our circulation list, yet it is felt that philately is benefited by the advertising that follows in the wake of the distribution of a large edition of any stamp paper. We shall circulate a number approaching ten thousand of this issue at a time when stamp interest is at its highest register. The WEEKLY will be the first stamp paper that some of those who receive sample copies ever have seen and even those who do not subscribe will have the assurance brought home to them that there is something definite about stamp collecting. There is the likelihood that the seed that will be sown may germinate in time to come. There is a vast land, peopled by philatelic prospects, through which it is the duty of those who are in a position to do so, to sound the philatelic call long and lustily.

Old Eagle Eye—Snipod the stamp sage says that he knows an habitual auction buyer who never said, "Let him have it," as some one on the floor outbid him: A collector of shades who gladly paid an extra price for a shade: A philatelic publisher who says that the circulation of his paper is not increasing and a collector who was never dissatisfied with the hinges that he used.

Two Veterans—Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal has recorded the deaths of Edward Stanley Gibbons, London and Pierre-Marie Mahé, Paris. We doubt whether the full force of these announcements will be felt by readers of the present generation but

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Still They Come—Said the attendant at the Asylum for the Addled: "I don't think he is very much 'off-center' as you stamp collecting fellows would say but his relatives are all broken up over his case. You see, the chap babbles all day long about condition and he looks over about a million stamps of the same kind before he gets one to suit him but even then, he is not satisfied with it for long. He says that the stamp must be perfectly centered, lightly canceled, of sharp color, with perforations full and free with those at the corners intact. The paper must be unabrased by any wear and tear, without gum stain or any flaw that can be detected under the most powerful glass. With tears in his eyes he says that he wants to collect stamps but that he can get no stamps fit for his collection; as it is, he has a collection but no stamps. Some day, his full sense will suddenly return, I think."

Coming to Life—There seems to be a "recrudescence of interest" in the general issues, United States revenue stamps, particularly of the civil war period. Perhaps, it is time for revenues again to be exalted in the affections of collectors and for the recurrence of their cycle of popularity. Ten years ago or so, we know how revenues in general and particular varieties of imperforate and part perforates in pair, etc., were objects of keenest pursuit; and it is now high time for our beautiful fiscal issues to be ranking favorites again. Of all the issues other than postage stamps that deserve attention by reason of their inherent graces, the United States revenues take precedence. It is true that ordinarily the stamps in question are not emphasized on the score of investment attraction but the day is coming when the cheap varieties of the present will strengthen in price. Time will tell its story and as the finds of civil war revenues become more infrequent, the position of the stamps will be made firmer. It is known by some students of the issues that even in the first perforated issue, excluding the admitted rarities, there are a number of stamps that are priced comparatively low and not a few of the revenues of the second and third issues are to be placed in the same category. As for the Spanish-American war revenues, it has been noticed how the 1902, green and black issue has steadily mounted higher; ten years ago they sold at a fraction of the present quotations.

Helpful Philately—Count Lapp De Booz is speaking: "I had fitted out an

expedition to a desolate part of Nubia to obtain a specimen of the Rollicus, an animal that I believed still existed in bleak Nubia, although scientists claimed that it long had been extinct. One day I wandered away from camp and was intent upon my pocket-album of duplicates when, upon looking around, I found a monstrous lion peering at the book over my shoulder. In my perturbation, I dropped my little book and the lion, much interested, began nosing it around, only to have a demonized Costa Rican stick on his muzzle, while his paws accumulated a number of Colombian Republics and a large Honduras served as a patch over an eye. In his bewilderment the lion presented so sorry a spectacle that I roared with laughter, whereat the huge king of beasts slunk away much discomfited. While I regretted the loss of the duplicates carried away by the lion, yet I was consoled by finding a Rollicus, thereby amazing the scientific world. I think that it is not a bad idea to always carry one's duplicates with one."

Are They Present?—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who wrote to the postmasters of different far-away countries asking that they please send him canceled stamps for his collection? Is he showing his new pulse-warmers to the o. f. c. whose congressman sent him a lot of department stamps? What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who tacked a sign on his door at noon: "Gone to Dinner?" Is he arguing the Hayes-Tilden case with the o. f. d., whose pretty daughter helped him as clerk on busy winter Saturday afternoons?

Well Done—We have feelings of profound consideration for Dr. John Milton Holt who has succeeded in carrying his endowment plan to a favorable development. The sum that has been pledged to date, \$2670, is enough to indicate that alluring possibilities are in prospect, even though the interest from the fund at present is not of pretentious size. It is fair to predict that the enthusiasm that induced certain liberal-minded philatelists to support the plan will lead to even more striking results. *Everybody's Philatelist* deserves immortality if for little more than to serve as a memorial to the initiative impulse of a pure philatelist.

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Most people have never heard of the Lindenberg medal. But to philatelists the annual award is a great event. It was founded in 1905 by the Berliner Philatelisten Klub in honour of its first president. The holders of the medal, with the presidents and honorary members of the Club, form the jury that decides on the awards. Judge Victor Supantschitsch, of Graz, has been selected for this year's honour. He was born in 1838, and is the second Austrian to win it. He is well-known as a philatelic writer and bibliophile. His library of philatelic works is the finest on the Continent.

This stamp collector's medal is an international affair. Great Britain holds three, France two, Germany two, Austria two, Belgium one, Italy one, and Switzerland one. Of the twelve recipients four have died during the last two years. The Lindenberg medal is the only decoration in the stamp collecting world, and they call it the "Nobel Prize" of philately, but there is no money prize connected with it.—*Manchester (Eng.) Guardian.*

35 FINE U. S. REVENUE LOTS in Wolsieffer's 127th sale, April 12th, lots 183 to 188.

2d CA No. 61	15	6d CA No. 63	35
4d CA " 62	20	1d CAC " 70	15
1c CAC No. 13	05	3c arm. No. 26	05
2c CAC " 14	07	4c lilac rose 1912	05
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" 71....." "	12	05
St. Vincent 62....." "	20	05
" 62....." "	10	04
St. Christopher 13....." "	25	10
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24....." "	25	09
Paraguay 1906, set of 7....." "	87	34

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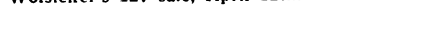
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	Cat.	Pr. Ours
*U. S. Rev. 1898, 1c small I. R.	15	.03
*2c inverted I. R.	40	.10
\$3.00 and \$5.00	40	.10
*1/2c Or. Documentary	10	.05
*Am. Rapid Tel. Co. 12 var.	58	.08
*U. S. Confederate 5 & 10c blue	20	.05
*2c brown red	40	.10
*1c orange	100	.25
Argentine 1899, 50c and 1 peso	26	.08
1901, 15c and 30c	07	.02
Austria Jubilee 1908, 1h to 2kr, 15 var.	38	.07
Bosnia 1879, 1n gray lilac	25	.08
1900, 20, 30 and 50h	24	.06
Br. Honduras 1899, 5c ultramarine	25	.07
1900, 5c blue	12	.03
*Brunswick 1865, 1, 2 and 3gr.	43	.12
Cape of Good Hope 1893-8, 2 1/2, 3 & 4d	19	.06
*Corea 1903, Scott's Nos. 35, 36 & 37	60	.15
Cuba 1905-7, 50c blue and black	25	.07
Cyprus 1896, 2pia ult. and maroon	12	.03
*Dominican Rep. 1880, 50c orange	30	.07
*1880, 1p gold	75	.20
*1902, 7 var.	34	.10
*Dutch Indies 1902, 1/2 and 2 1/2c	08	.03
*Ecuador 1896, Jubilee 7 var.	72	.15
Egypt 1892-3, 10pia purple	12	.02
*Soudan 1897, 1, 2, 3 and 5m.	02	.15
Soudan 1898, 1, 2 and 5m.	24	.08
Soudan O. S. G. 6 var.	63	.30
Gold Coast 1884-91, 1sh purple	50	.12
Great Britain 1887-92, 4 1/2, 9 & 10d.	22	.06
Guatemala 1882, 5 var.	39	.10
*1886, Prov. 5 var.	23	.20
1897, 1 on 5c, 3 var.	22	.04
Haiti 1900, 7 var.	21	.07
1900-7 surcharges, 7 var.	25	.07
Hong Kong 1882-4, 2, 5 and 10c	12	.03
1890, 10, 20, 30, 50 and \$1.00	82	.25
*1898, 10 on 30c green	60	.20
*1900, 2, 4 and 5c	26	.10
*1902, 12c blue	05	.20
Hungary 1900-1, 1, 2, 3 and 5kr.	44	.10
Japan 1876-7, 8, 10, 15 and 20 sen.	23	.04
1899-1901, 16 var.	32	.05
China, 6 var.	20	.05
Corea, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 & 1y	198	.50
Labuan 1894, 12, 18 and 24c.	55	.13
Mexico 1884, 50c, 1 and 2p.	47	.10
*Porte de Mar 1880, 6 var.	26	.06
*Nicaragua Official, 1890, 1801, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898 complete per set	—	.20
*Niger Coast 1892, 5c lilac and blue	60	.20
North Borneo 1893, 9 var.	93	.15
*Panama 1906, 5c on 1p, No. 183	50	.12
Portugal Red Cross stamp 1906	15	.10
Roumania 1906, 25b error, No. 180a	25	.08
*San Marino Jubilee 1894, 3 var.	40	.15
*Johore 1892-4, 3 on 5 and 3 on 6c	60	.10
*Turkish offices in Thessaly, 5 var.	55	.10
*Turks Island 1882-9, 1/2 and 1d.	28	.12
*Salvador Postage Due 1895, 9c, 97 and 98, Postal Pkt. 1895, Off.	—	.20
1896-97 per set	—	.20
*Uruguay 1898, 1/2 on 1, 1 and 2c	23	.03
*Venezuela 1887-8, No. 71, 76 and 77	48	.06
U. S. 1895, 15c blue	08	.02
50c orange	25	.08
\$1.00 black	50	.18
1893, 50c slate blue	60	.20
Costa Rica 1901, 50c and 1903, 25c	37	.10
Bolivia 1894, 7 varieties	33	.06
*Montenegro Unpaid 1894, 8 var.	60	.20
Montenegro Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 4c, 5, 6 and 7, 8 var.	248	.50
*Hawaii, 1883-6, 25c violet	350	1.25
*1893, 25c violet	150	.50
*1899, 1, 2 and 5c, 3 var.	25	.10
*Peru 1882, Scott's Nos. 62 and 64	95	.25
Finland 1891-2, 35 and 50k	110	.30
*Tonga 1897, 5sh red and black	200	1.35
*Tonga 1899 Wedding 1d	125	.50
Uruguay 1897, 2p bistre and carmine	100	.30
3p lilac and carmine	100	.30
*Liberia Unpaid 1892, 6 var. (no 8c)	149	.90
*Hoi Hao 1903, 10, 15 and 25c	43	.15
*Packhoi 1903-4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 & 30c	96	.32
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FOCUSING PHILATELIC INTEREST.

By MILTON R. MILLER.

While articles and editorials appearing in MEKEEL'S STAMP WEEKLY and other philatelic publications urging the great body of collectors to labor a little for the general good of the cause, may seem to have covered every phase of the subject the movement appeals to me as one which should be ever helped along, never allowed to drag. Increase in the number of collectors means so much to Philately, means so much to each individual collector, that missionary work should constantly be in the minds of all.

My business is advertising and it affords daily opportunity to note the unusual results obtained by persistency in little things. Keeping everlastingly at the business of making more stamp collectors will work wonders.

"Never forget the goods," was a big sales manager's request of the road men who worked under him. Success in his selling campaigns he later attributed largely to the boosting activity of his force, to this co-operative effort to make known the merit of the company's product.

To "never forget the cause of Philately" in this same spirit would not mean that one should go around making a general nuisance of himself. It would infer a lot of thinking and action at the proper time. The collecting instinct is latent in almost everyone; arouse it and direct it into the proper channel and a new enthusiast is enlisted.

A conversion I particularly pride myself upon came not from showing the few "rarities" of my collection with "soft voiced statement" of their "great worth," but from a happy thought while thumbing over a friend's morning mail.

"Did you ever notice, Jack," I asked, "the many varieties of stamps one finds in a morning's mail now?"

Jack had never noticed.

"Why, they're all alike," he said, "just common every-day stamps."

But they weren't. And in the pile of letters on his desk half a dozen varieties showed up, the owner of the letters manifesting a lively interest in the search.

Fortunately I didn't make the error of preaching a sermon on the joys of stamp collecting. The subject was

dropped and I took up the business on which I had called.

Several days later I had a telephone message from Jack. He had found something queer in the mail and would I drop in if I happened around that way.

The "something" was one of the less common coil perforations. Jack wanted me to take it.

"Oh keep it," I said. "Maybe you will get interested in collecting them. There's a queer fascination to it."

The seed was sown and it germinated. A nice little collection of U. S. has resulted and there is no limit to the future.

I've kept our local daily newspaper well supplied with items about the new issues of the United States. You, perhaps, as an average newspaper reader do not appreciate how anxious the city editor is to get disinterested authentic news. My story about the parcel post stamps describing them and going into a little detail about the probable resulting rarity of the higher values of the letter postage stamps was "played up" in good shape. Similarly a communication about the Panama-Pacific stamps, giving the number of each to be printed, the size, color, design, etc., was gratefully received. I'm certain that had I only thought to add on something descriptive of past commemorative issues and told how much these stamps were considered worth by collectors today, it would all have been printed.

There is an item now which I'll venture every newspaper to which an interestingly written account is sent will print. It is about the perforations of the current stamps, the differences which first interested my friend in collecting. Every collector knows enough about the stamp affixing machines to tell something of them and the use of coil stamps in them. Reference may be made also to the imperforate, or "unperforated" as the government says.

Real human interest may be added to the item by telling of rare imperforates of the past and their value today. Stimulate an interest in collecting. Who knows but that the careful collectors of some of the unusual stamps current today may reap a good big reward in a

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I'm going to write such an item for *The Daily News* of Batavia, N. Y., and I'll wager it's printed, and the editor is death on fads at that. It will be printed because it will be news. News always goes. If any collector thinks his home paper would use it I'll send, gladly, a marked copy on receipt of stamps for postage. It can be rewritten and made local to your community.

Everything printed about stamps helps, stimulates interest. A newspaper item may be the turning point, may be the one thing which determines someone undecided to take up the most delightful, entertaining and instructive hobby there ever was or will be.

It hardly seems necessary in conclusion for me to disclaim any ulterior motive for this article, because of a business interest in collecting. I have an interest in The Stuart Company of Batavia, N. Y., which has had and still continues business relations with a large number of readers of this publication. But I am a collector first, last and all the time. Be that as it may, if the number of collectors in this country could be doubled—publisher, dealer, collector, all—would profit immensely.

"Results come from focusing attention on the thing wanted."

We all want more stamp collectors. So, let's in 1913, go after them—and with a will.

ABROPLANE CANCELLATIONS.

By ARTHUR T. BROWNE, B. P. S. No. 543.

Lima, Ohio.—From the flood stricken state of Ohio I have just secured another aeroplane cancellation. This one comes from Lima and was used June 7 and 8, 1912, quite a few months before the flood, to be exact. Through the kindness of Mr. C. C. Klumph of Lima, I have secured a fine copy of the cancellation and some information concerning its use. On June 7, mail was carried by aviator Charles F. Walsh. Walsh carried 2,000 pieces of mail for short distance from the aviation grounds. Here the mail sack was dropped and was picked up by an automobile and taken to the main postoffice. On the second date, aviator W. B. Hemstrought carried 3,000 pieces of mail. The aeroplane cancellation was enclosed in an oblong, one and nine-sixteenth inches in length and seven-eighths of an inch in width. The cancellation was in purple ink and was as follows:

Aeroplane Mail Service

Jun 8-1912

Lima, Ohio.

Reading, Pa.—Aeroplane mail service was authorized for Reading, Pa., for September 10, 1912. The route was numbered 61002 and was to have started from the Reading Fair Grounds. The late arrival of the machine of aviator Joseph Richter prevented the service from being carried out. Postmaster Augustus M. High of Reading writes me to the effect that no special aeroplane cancellation was prepared for the service.

Lock Haven, Pa.—At an aviation meet held at Lock Haven, Pa., October 7, 8, and 9, 1912, aviator Walter Johnson of the Thomas Aviation company of Bath, N. Y., thrilled thousands of spectators with his aerial antics. Incidentally on the last day of the meet, Johnson carried a sack of mail from Lock Haven to Mill Hall, a distance of about four miles. No special aeroplane cancella-

tion was prepared for this service, however. Souvenir postal cards were sold by a number of pretty girls. These bore a picture of Johnson and his biplane. Postmaster R. D. Peck of Lock Haven handed a sack of mail to the aerial mail man who placed the bag on the end of his toe. Johnson arose to a height of 250 feet and was going at a mile-a-minute clip. He followed the Bald Eagle creek. As he neared Mill Hall, the bird-man spied a herd of cattle in Agar's park and picked out one of the cows as a mark. He slipped the mail sack from his toe and so true was his aim that the sack of mail landed within a few feet of the startled bovine. A lad who had been watching the aviator, picked up the sack of mail and delivered it to Postmaster Stoner of Mill Hall. By the time it was delivered to the Mill Hall postmaster, Johnson was winging his way back to Lock Haven. He completed the distance, seven miles in exactly seven minutes.

Connersville, Ind.—At an aviation meet held at Connersville, Indiana, July 31, 1912, a heavy gale of wind prevented aviator Paul Peck from carrying mail. Postmaster S. E. DeHaven of Connersville writes me that no special aeroplane cancellation was prepared for the service. Later in the day, in spite of the strong wind that was blowing, Peck made a twenty mile flight to Rushville, Ind., alighted at that place and made a return flight. Peck, who used a tiny Columbia monoplane, has since been killed.

CATALOGUES AND COLORS.

By G. A. HUNT.

How many collectors know the difference between lilac, violet and mauve and their sub-divisions of color, red lilac, grey lilac, etc.? All the lawyers in Philadelphia would have a life job to untangle an argument on this subject.

There is one little 30c United States stamp, however, that seems to befog every cataloguer and that is the one issued in 1888. Can any reader give to the color of this stamp a definite name?

It is practically the same color as the 30c Columbian yet each are given a different name. Along in 1902 Scott listed the 30c 1888 as orange brown. Now, probably getting shy of type, they have it down as puce. The small boy sometimes spells "cat" with a "k" so we will make it "puke" not a very charming word or expression, yet if one looks in any standard dictionary he will find that "puke" is the name of a color between black and russet, and it is supposed to be synonymous with puce which by the way is defined as a dark brown or brownish purple color. Gibbons lists the stamp as plain chestnut, Yvert and Tellier as red brown, Bright as chestnut brown and so on they go, one has one shade or tint and another has another shade. As the stamp in question is brown and only comes in one shade why not list it as brown and be done with it or if one wants to be high toned call it "russet."

Stamps of one country are listed as rose, red lilac and lake, while stamps of identically the same shade and tint are listed in another country as maroon and magenta. Take Victoria, No. 150 listed as magenta for example and the 2c U. S. Columbian envelope, which is listed as violet. Both are practically the same color, in fact the 2c Columbian envelope is a true magenta and not violet at all unless a faded out copy could be called such.

These are only a few of many like instances. Fades and shades in them-

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EDITORIAL

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Four More—Sinpod the stamp sage says that he has found a collector who never made small remittances in unused postage stamps: A philatelist who never told anyone of the "sleeper" that he got in an auction lot: A beginner who does not like "picture" stamps and a dealer who never takes a chance in sending out an approval selection.

Old Postmarks—An inquiry has been received asking for an explanation of the postmark: "Supplementary Mail," with post-office name and date, on a three-cent stamped envelope, 1861 issue. We have seen this postmark and assumed that "Supplementary Mail" designated that received after the regular pouch was closed but which nevertheless was sent along with it under proper charge. Apparently, the marking was used before 1864, the year in which George B. Armstrong, father of the railway mail service, received permission from Montgomery Blair, Postmaster General, to test by actual experiment his proposals for establishing a service of the kind. While the very first railway mail car, "a sort of crude compartment car" was operated August 28th, 1864, the first complete railway post-office car was built in 1867 by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. After the railway service was established letters could be posted up to the time of the departure of the train. A second question was as to the significance of

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the letters, P. B., in the postmark. This postmark, too, we have seen, and as it was on a drop letter addressed to a post-office box, the inference was that it meant, Post Box. Any further information would be welcome.

New Watermark Dues—Mr. C. Edward Wright, Washington, says: "It may interest some to know that the current U. S. postage due, three cent stamp, on paper with the new watermark was issued to postmasters January 22nd, 1912; the fifty cent, on October 3rd, 1912. The thirty cent has not yet been issued on paper with the single line watermark. This information has just been furnished me by the Third Assistant Postmaster General." Mr. Wright calls attention to a cover received in Washington from Peru on which the eleven centavos postage was rated by the 1c, official 1909 and two of the 5c, 1909, regular issue; and he asks if the use of official stamps on ordinary mail is recognized. We recollect that similar instances have been reported and we have seen in mail from the southern countries an official stamp used occasionally on ordinary mail.

Departmental Orders—A recent ruling from Washington provides that parcels weighing more than four ounces must be mailed at a post office or a branch or a station but parcels weighing four ounces or less may be mailed in the same manner as matter of other classes. For the information of several readers who have written to complain about the difficulty in securing the higher denominations of the parcel post stamps at their home offices, we submit the following ruling: "Postmasters will provide rural carriers, branch post offices and post-office stations with sufficient supplies of parcel post stamps to meet the public demand, under the same conditions as exist in relation to supplies of ordinary postage stamps." We suppose that relief from the conditions reported depends upon whether the postmasters will construe a philatelic as a "public" demand.

An Inquiry—Mr. C. B. Bostwick, New York, writes: "I have a stamp of the Straits Settlements, 2c, rose, watermarked CA surcharged in black, S. F. P. I cannot locate this in any of the catalogues. Can someone tell me what it is?" We do not find any mention of the letters named as a surcharge and under the circumstances, we incline to the belief that the letters were impressed on the stamp to identify it for the exclusive use of some firm of large stamp users. Stamps of India, Ceylon, Hong Kong and Straits are to be found with various letters printed on them to prevent the unauthorized use of the stamps; the marking was done with the consent of the post-office department.

Saved By Stamps—Count Lapp De Booz is speaking: "While cruising in an uncharted part of the Arctic Ocean in the interests of science, my crew was attacked by the dread scurvy and as captain of the expedition, I adjured the surgeon to check the ravages of the malady. The doctor said that the prospect was hopeless as there was no possibility of obtaining fruits or vegetables but added: 'Mucilaginous drinks would save us but where can we get them?' At the moment I was looking at my little book of duplicates and it came to mind that the original gum on the stamps could be of service. The surgeon made an infusion of the gum which the sufferers took; and their relief was instantaneous. It will be seen that many of my duplicates are without

the original gum but perhaps you will not criticize them too harshly now that you know the reason for their condition."

Nobody Knows—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who made "stamp plates" out of his torn or otherwise defective duplicates? Is he bowing to the o. f. c. who studied volapuk so as to be able to make exchanges with collectors in foreign countries? What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who had a millionaire customer to whom nobody but he could sell stamps? Is he stranded somewhere with the o. f. d. who used to have his picture on all his printed announcements?

In Ward Thirteen—Said the attendant at the Asylum for the Addled: "Yes, he is the first stamp dealer who ever has been here and all of us are interested in him and he certainly has good care. He yawns all day long and looks like a harried jack rabbit. You see, he had a stamp shop in a big city and collectors used it as their lounging place and so he had to listen to all their stories of finds and near finds until nature protested and he was brought here by his loving friends. He is so dead tired that we keep him in that dark room away from everybody. Do not let him see you or he will begin to moan again and think that he is at the mercy of the stamp fiends once more. O, yes, his spinning wheel will slow down again, soon."

VAGARIES OF THE PARCEL POST.

By FRED L. PAULY.

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II. In a remittance recently, we received three five-cent parcel post due stamps. Some postmaster's or green clerk's mistake.

III. A package of three ounces was received with 3 cents in parcel post dues attached at office of mailing. This is contrary to rules. We had to pay postage due, the postmaster affixing other parcel post stamps and then taking the entire wrapper and sending it to Washington.

IV. We daily receive third class matter, books, etc., franked with parcel post stamps and no dues collected, because nature of package is not determined by office here.

V. Recently we received a two ounce package of merchandise with a 25 cent parcel post stamp. This came from a firm and so was not a postal clerk's mistake but the firm's mailing clerk's. Twenty-three cents lost on one package because of the colors being the same.

Query:—Parcel post stamps were issued to assist in accounting. Take incidents I, II, III, and IV coupled with the fact that thousands of dollars of these stamps have been sold to collectors and firms and one naturally asks:—"Is the accounting any more accurate than it would be taken in some other way? If not, why have distinctive stamps?"

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CHAPTER XXXIV.

12 Cents, Issue of 1870-79.

One of the very rare stamps of the United States issues is found in this denomination—the 12 cent 1870, with grille. Fortunate indeed is the collector who has a copy of this rarity as one is seldom offered in the auctions. The writer has seen a number of large specialized collections of United States stamps which were most complete in other scarce things, and yet were lacking in the grided 12 cents.

A principal reason for its scarcity is, probably, that a goodly number of copies repose unnoticed in the class of stamps without grille. This is owing to the indistinctness of the points. Few of the copies known to exist present strong embossing. Most of them show just a faint trace of points, and are likely to be overlooked even by one who has spent some time on his stamps.

From a mechanical standpoint there is no good reason why this stamp should rank among the very rare ones. The stamp came into being and was put upon the market at the time when the grided varieties were being freely used; the very nature of the grille itself (most of them being faint and indistinct) would go far to prove that a considerable number of sheets were passed through the machine. But it is a hard stamp to show the grille upon under casual examination, owing to the nature of the engraving, and the color. So, unless one looks into his specimens with a strong glass, under a good light, and at various angles of view, a lightly grided specimen is likely to escape the collector's view.

Late in April, or during the early days of June, 1870, the 12 cents stamps were issued to the public along with others of the series. It is an ugly stamp, possibly the "homeliest" of the lot. Probably the stamp without grille appeared first. Only one size of grille is absolutely known—8 1/2 x 10 1/2, with 11 x 13 points. The only variety is the end roller grille. The shade of the grided stamp is pale dull violet. It was printed from plate number 24.

The stamps without grille were also printed from plate 24. Mr. Luff gives

three shades—pale dull violet, dull violet and gray violet.

From April, 1870, to April, 1873, 3,330,445 stamps were delivered by the National Bank Note Company to the postal department. There are no varieties.

When the Continental Bank Note Company took over the contract for printing the stamps, early in 1873, the company proceeded to put in its "secret mark" so as to distinguish its work from that of the predecessors.

This "secret mark" consists in rounding out the balls which make up the numeral "2" until they become almost crescent shaped. It is a difficult mark to describe in print, but the catalogs describe it fully.

The shades are given as dull violet, deep violet and black violet—surely not a difficult lot to properly classify.

The first stamps printed by the Continental Bank Note Company were from the plates used by its predecessors—the National Bank Note Company—number 24. Later plate number 137 was made by the new manufacturers, and this plate was continued in use to the time the stamps were withdrawn, in 1875.

From the time the Continental Bank Note Company took over the contract, to December 31, 1876, there were delivered to the department, stamps of this denomination to the number of 2,915,000.

Varieties are few. There is the stamp, grided for legal purposes, and on ribbed paper.

For the Centennial exposition, in 1875, a "special printing" was made, consisting of 10,000 stamps, from plate 137. The shade is given as dull black violet. Later another printing of 500 copies was made in black violet. Of these stamps—10,500 in all—only 282 were sold, the balance being destroyed.

A variety in the regular issue has a distinct outer line at the bottom of the stamp. It may be that it is an engraver's guide line, which was not erased from the plate. Be that as it may, the line is there, and may be classed as a "minor variety" at least.

The proofs make a most attractive addition to the collection.

(To be continued.)

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"What has become of Parnassus Pen-flip," asks an agitated reader; "Is he on the heights?" No, he is in the depths; he was not appointed postmaster general.

"You cannot get away from stamp collectors; they are everywhere," begins a writer, just as if we had done something to make us want to get away.

T. C. E. Hunter is in Chicago again and to prove that he is at home with

the Indians, his card reads: Hunter-Navajo.

"Maybe you have 7200 subscribers but you will have only 7199 if you do not publish this joke enclosed," threatens a soulless reader. We should lose a dozen if we did.

"I was arranging my United States and had some loose stamps before me; and being about to sneeze, I bent down and drawing in my breath sharply, I swallowed a fine specimen. Am I not unfortunate?" gasps an esteemed reader. It was all right if the specimen was an Interior Department stamp.

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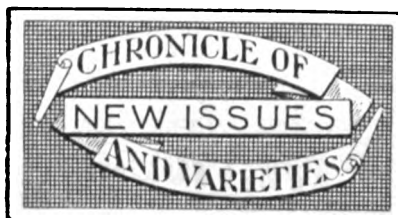
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UNITED STATES.—F. D. Collins writes: "In number 1154 B. Douglass Goode reports a die variety of the current 1c U. S. stamp, and in No. 1158 Henry E. Holley reports having found the same variety. If they will take the trouble to look for a sheet printed from plate 5901 they can get all of these stamps they want. I would also suggest that collectors who are interested in these minor varieties cease stretching their imagination to the point of new dies. This was undoubtedly caused by a broken transfer roll and not by a new die. These short lines of color are represented on the original die and on the plate by recessed lines and on the transfer roll by raised lines. The only wonder is that there are not more of them broken off the transfer rolls than are."

Frank B. Eldredge lists the following new precancels:

Cincinnati, Ohio.—CINCINNATI in the form of a circle, a star between the first C and the last I, lower centre. OHIO between two short horizontal lines in circle, but in smaller capitals. 1c, 1913, Parcel Post. Reported by Wm. E. Beam.

Tacoma, Wash.—Two lines (TACOMA—WASH.) horizontal inscription in thin capitals with serifs, between lines 9 mm. apart, lines 1-3 mm. thick. 5c, 1913, San Francisco. Reported by Wm. E. Beam.

Racine, Wis.—Cancelled by the regular newspaper cancellation of that office, and used on the circulars sent out by F. A. Tecktonius, dealer in prize winning buff leghorn fowl. 1c, 1913, San Francisco. Reported by Wm. E. Beam.

H. C. Buland reports the following: Chicago, Ill. — (1153) — 25c, Parcel Post.

Minneapolis, Minn.—1c and 25c Parcel Post.

St. Louis, Mo. (1158).—1c, Parcel Post.

Cleveland, Ohio. (1155).—2c Parcel Post, inverted.

St. Louis, Mo.—Two lines (St. Louis—Missouri/) horizontal inscription line

above and below, 12½ mm. between, lines 1½ mm. thick. 10 and 15c, 1912.

Cincinnati, O.—Two lines (CINCINNATI—OHIO), Cincinnati on a slight circle, Ohio straight and two lines of short, thick dashes below to conform with the Cincinnati above. 1c, San Francisco issue.

Mason City, Ill.—Two lines (MASON CITY—ILL.) vertical inscription in sans-serif capitals, 2½ mm. high. 3c, 1910, reading down, 2c, 1912, reading up and down.

Australia.—Edwin F. Sawyer has shown us a wrapper for the Commonwealth, the design being the new Kangaroo type.

Wrapper.

½ yellow green on manila.

Ceylon.—Edwin F. Sawyer has shown us new King George envelope and wrapper, with design in the new type, with large "Ceylon."

Envelope.

5c dark lilac on white.

Wrapper.

2c dark violet on dark gray.

Cuba.—H. E. Holley reports finding the 50c gray of 1879 without the period between "Cuba" and "1879." Examination of blocks of these stamps shows that the sheets were poorly printed, very poorly. In some cases the periods are quite distinct, in others very faint, while many of the stamps have no period at all. Therefore this is not so good a variety as in the case of the 25c of 1878, reported in No. 1158.

Egypt.—Sudan.—The Daily Express says that the new Sudan stamps which were to have been issued on January 1, have not yet been released by the postal department, owing to the large quantities of the low values of the current issues on hand at the various post offices. These are now being called in and punctured with the initials "A. S." (Army Service) and "S.G." (Sudan Government) for departmental use, in order to clear the way for the new issue about the end of this month or the beginning of next. Meanwhile all the overprinted official stamps of both issues are being withdrawn from use and the remainders destroyed. Copies of the 5m red and black, 1pi brown and blue, punctured "A.S." have been seen together with the 1m punctured "S.G.", all issued in January, 1913. This will have the effect of making the 10-piastres, watermarked multiple stars and crescents, overprinted "O.S.G.S." issued at the end of December, a very scarce stamp.

Grenada.—Edwin F. Sawyer shows us specimens of the new King George wrappers and registration envelope. The design of the latter is similar to former issues, but the wrapper design is entirely new. The King's head appears in an oval with small shields with the value in figures in the lower corners

with the value in words across the bottom in a straight line. The name of the Colony is printed at the top in a curved line, the space around the crown being filled in with elaborate foliage designs.

Registration Envelope.

2d blue on white.

Wrappers.

¼d brown on manila.

¼d green on manila.

1d carmine on miller.

GREAT BRITAIN.—W. H. Peckitt shows us specimens of the "5 Piastres" on 1sh, and "24 Piastres" on 5sh King Edward stamps, both new printings.

Already some stamps of the King Edward period have attained a degree of rarity which makes them valuable to collectors says the London Daily Mail. For instance, the 2½d light blue, 1902 series, unused is quoted by a reputable firm of stamp dealers at 3sh 6d.

The 4d green and purple, unused, fetches 7sh 6d and the 10d stamp commands 4sh and upwards, according to shades of colour. The 2d green stamp, whose varying shades were the subject of comment in the Daily Mail at the time of its issue, reaches in its several varieties a price from 2sh 6d to 10sh. Other British stamps of comparatively recent date have increased in value to collectors, including unused specimens of the early penny and half penny ones of the present reign.

According to the Daily Express a curious feature in connection with the current halfpenny stamp is recorded by several philatelic journals—a faint double watermark, which shows most clearly on the margins of the sheets, where the letters of the word "postage" overlap. It is found both inverted and reversed, as well as in the normal, and shows up very distinctly when the stamps are immersed in benzine. High prices are being asked for this variety in certain quarters, but it is doubtful if they are justified.

INDIA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the new 5r stamp, portrait of King George, and we find it a great improvement over previous issues. The portrait is placed in an oval as in the two previous issues, but as the crowned portrait is used, the crown is omitted from the frame. "India Postage" is printed in a straight line just above the portrait in a framed tablet of peculiar design. The whole is surmounted by an arch of ornamental work, supported by brackets nearly opposite the top of the portrait. An irregular tablet below the portrait contains the value thus, "5RS", while huge elephants on either side give the whole design the necessary oriental appearance.

Adhesive.

5r purple and blue.

NEW ZEALAND.—Edwin F. Sawyer has shown us specimens of the new King George 1d envelopes, on two kinds of paper, white and cream. The design

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PORTUGAL.—Portugal Filatlico says that from the first of March the post-offices in Portugal, Azores and Madeira will no longer sell the stamps surcharged "Republica."

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Government April 1, though we have not yet seen any of the stamps even in specimen copies. The subjects of the designs comprise portraits of King Charles at various periods of his career, picturesque views of the country, and important buildings. The series is said to be a commemorative one, though of what is not stated. The stamps are printed in two colors and were made in England.

SAMOS.—Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg has shown us the permanent set, as announced some time since. The stamps are of large size 21x29 mm. and show the head of Mercury facing to the right, between two pillars supporting a tablet bearing two Greek words. "Samos" in Greek characters appears below the head with the value in tablets at the bottom. These stamps were in use only a short time, and have now been superseded by the same series surcharged "Ellas" in Greek characters in large type like the 1909-10 issue of Crete.

Adhesives.

11 blue gray.
51 blue green.
101 rose pink.
251 blue.
501 violet.
1d orange.

SERVIA.—This country is to issue a jubilee set with portraits of Servian sovereigns and views of the towns taken from Turkey.

SOLOMON ISLANDS.—The item under this head in No. 1160, should have been placed under the head of "British Solomon Islands."

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Johore.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 8c lilac and dark blue, on paper watermarked multiple flower.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—London *Tit-Bits* has the following from the pen of P. C. Bishop:

Re-enter Tobago! This island, apparently, has grown weary of playing second fiddle to Trinidad, for the new postage stamps of the latter Colony are lettered "Trinidad and Tobago."

It is the story of the Leeward Islands over again. In 1890 the members of the Leeward group—Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitts and the Virgin Isles—were deprived of their postal autonomy and condemned to use one general set of stamps, inscribed "Leeward Islands." This state of affairs endured for some years, but there was great dissatisfaction locally, the little Virgin Islands being the first to actively kick. Eventually the right to issue their own stamps was restored to the various "Presidencies" of the group, the Virgins being the first out with new stamps in 1899, the others following in 1903. The only change from the *status quo ante* was that St. Kitts and Nevis were amalgamated for postage stamp purposes, and hence the quaint stamps of "St. Kitts—Nevis" of 1903, whereon we are given a picture of Christopher Columbus looking through a telescope—an instrument which was not invented until long after the great navigator was dead!

As Nevis is to St. Kitts, so will Tobago be to Trinidad. Probably the Tobagoans would have preferred the right to issue stamps entirely their own, as in the period 1897-1896; but they will conclude that half a stamp is better than none at all. Indeed, there is one particular "half-stamp" of Tobago that is worth a bushel or more of whole ones. The stamp referred to is the 6d orange of 1879, which in 1880 was divided vertically down the centre and each half-overprinted, or rather over-written, "1d" in pen and ink. An entire envelope bearing the authentic postmarked specimen of this curious split provisional would be worth £10 or more of anyone's money.

URUGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a new value in the Artigas set, locally printed. This is made necessary by the reduction in the rate of postage from Uruguay to Argentine from five cents to four cents.

Adhesives.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTHAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.
Baden - Continued.

THE THIRD ISSUE.—(Continued.)

In March 1861 the Prussian Postal Administration addressed a circular to the various States forming the German Austrian Postal Union proposing that uniform colors should be adopted for stamps of the same or corresponding values. This applied only to the stamps in use for the three rates of postage equivalent to 1, 2, and 3gr, and so far as Baden was concerned this affected all but the 1kr. The colors decided on were rose for the 3kr, blue for the 6kr, and brown for the 9kr. Baden agreed to the proposition which came into effect just prior to the alteration of the gauge of the perforating machine. About this period, too, some modification of the design was under discussion. Following the many changes round about this date in strict chronological order is likely to result in confusion and it will, therefore, be simpler to deal, first of all, with the changes as they affected the stamps of the type with lined background. None of the 3kr stamps in the new rose color were printed in this type for reasons we shall detail later on. Although supplies of the 6kr and 9kr in the new colors of blue and brown respectively were ordered in December 1861, none appear to have been delivered until the summer of 1862. Notwithstanding this fact an official notification of the change of colors was made to postmasters on Jan. 29th, 1862, and this has thus (though erroneously) been frequently stated as the date of issue. As a matter of fact the 6kr could not have been used earlier than August, 1862, while the 9kr does not appear to have been in general circulation until the following year.

Reference List.

- 1860-63. No Watermark. Perf. 13½ or 10.
9. 1kr black, Scott's No. 10 or 15.
 10. 3kr blue, Scott's No. 11 or No. 12.
 11. 6kr orange, Scott's No. 13 or 13a.
 12. 6kr blue, Scott's No. 16.
 13. 9kr rose, Scott's No. 14.
 14. 9kr brown, Scott's No. 17 or 17a.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

After the printing of the 3kr stamps in June 1861 it was found that, although little more than 60,000 sheets had been supplied from first to last, the clichés had become too badly worn to be of further use. As a new set was necessary advantage was taken of this fact to ascertain whether a modification of the design would not improve the appearance of the stamps. Kurz was supplied with two of the clichés to see what he could do and from one of these he removed every alternate line of the background and from the other he erased the lines entirely so that the Arms stood out on a plain rectangle. The latter was considered such an improvement that the original dies of all four values were returned to Kurz for attention. The renovated dies were



ready for use early in August 1861 but as only the 3kr was immediately necessary Hasper was instructed to prepare 110 clichés for the new plate for this denomination. A first printing of the 3kr in the new type was ordered late in 1861 and a first delivery of 2000 sheets was made in March 1862. These stamps arrived at the period when the overhauling of the perforating machine had been decided on but there was such

urgent need for 3kr stamps that this supply was perforated before the new punches were fitted. We thus find the 3kr of this issue perforated 13½ as well as 10 like the other values. With the 13½ gauge the stamp is quite a rarity unused and fairly scarce used.

We have already referred to the fact that the dies for the 1kr, 6kr and 9kr had the background removed in 1861 but it was not until the close of the year 1863 that Hasper found it necessary to construct plates from the altered dies. He now made 110 clichés of each value to be ready for the printing of 1864 though none of the new 6kr were delivered until April of that year while the 1kr and 9kr were not supplied until June. On the 17th of June, 1864, a circular was sent to the various post-offices stating that the new postage stamps of 6 and 9 kreuzer, with plain background, would be supplied from the General Post Store in the next quarter, and the 1kr stamps of similar design in the following quarter. From this order it is evident the 6kr and 9kr could not have been in use prior to July or the 1kr until October 1864. Other printings took place later on and as the printer apparently made no special endeavor to keep the colors of the printing inks uniform quite a wide range of shades may be found in all except the 1kr denomination. Of these the rarest is the 6kr in a Prussian blue like that of the similar tint found in connection with the 3kr of the preceding issue. The 3kr is known imperfectly while the 9kr in the bistre shade has been found printed on both sides.

We now retrace our steps a little to 1861 when the alteration of design and change of colors was under discussion. In the same year a desire was expressed for stamps of a higher value than 9kr, the first step being taken by the Chamber of Commerce of Mannheim, who proposed to the Baden Ministry of Commerce that 18kr and 30kr stamps should be created. Although the use of the then current 12kr and 18kr envelopes had been very restricted the Ministry decided to introduce 18kr and 30kr labels and Kurz was commissioned to supply the necessary dies for these values. The dies, which were in the design with plain background, were delivered on October, 28th, 1861, and Hasper at once proceeded to make the clichés for the printing plates. The colors decided on were green for the 18kr and cinnabar-red for the 30kr. After a small number of sheets of the higher value had been printed Hasper reported that "the cinnabar-red was not fit for printing from galvano-plastic plates, as the quicksilver acted injuriously on the copper." He was consequently ordered to print this value in orange for the future. Whether the stamps in cinnabar-red were placed in use or not is not certain. Westoby lists it as having been issued and if his statement is correct the stamps in this color must be of extreme rarity. Other printings were made from time to time though neither of the values seems to have been in very great demand. The total quantity of 18kr printed was 315,200 and of these 151,012 were destroyed in July, 1870 as the new postal rates made the value absolutely useless. The total supply of the 30kr stamps numbered 430,400 and though comparatively few were used, and the stamp is rare in this condition, it is common enough unused as the remainders were sold to a dealer some years later.

Reference List.

- 1862-64. No Watermark. Perf. 13½ (3kr only) or 10.
15. 1kr black, Scott's No. 19.
 16. 3kr rose, Scott's Nos. 18, 20, or 20a.
 17. 6kr blue, Scott's No. 21 or 22.
 18. 9kr brown, Scott's No. 23 or 23a.
 19. 18kr green, Scott's No. 24.
 20. 30kr orange, Scott's No. 25.

(To be continued.)

SPECIAL BARGAINS

* Indicates unused. All numbers are Champion's.

Ger. E. Africa '86, 10p on 20p blue (No. 9)	.07	*Colombian Republic '92-00, 2c red on rose paper. (No. 101).....	.30
" '95, 25p on 50p brown red (No. 10).....	.20	" " '10, 5c A. R. orange and green (No. 58).....	.70
" '00, 5p carmine (No. 13).....	.05	" " '10, 10c A. R. red and black (No. 59).....	2.50
" '00, 10p blue (No. 14).....	.05	Colombian Rep. Rio Hacha '01, 10c black, Type 3, (No. 8b).....	3.00
" '00, 15p red and black (No. 15).....	.08	*French Congo '07, 1c olive and brown red, Background inverted.....	1.00
" '00, 20p red and black (No. 16).....	.10	Port Said '99, Vingt-cinq on 10c black (No. 19).....	2.50
*Germany '00, 10p rose, imperf. (No. 54a)	2.50	" '99 Vingt-cinq and 25c on 10c (No. 19a).....	5.00
*North Borneo '83-86, 2c, 4c, 8c, 10c, Perf. 14 (Nos. 6-9), The set.....	3.50	*Roumania '94, 3, 5, 25, 50b, Wmk. P. R. (Nos. 95-98) The set.....	.60
" '09, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 20 on 18, 24c, (Nos. 131-140, 142-143), The set.....	.70	Russia '75-79, 8k green and carmine, Vertically laid, (No. 25a).....	1.50
" '11, 25, 50c, \$1. (Nos. 144-146), The set.....	1.10		
" '11, \$2, \$5, \$10, The set.....	9.00		

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Theodore Champion

13 Rue Drouot,

PARIS, FRANCE

HERE'S A DEEP ONE.

I have read with interest from time to time descriptions of minor varieties discovered by your subscribers and noted in your paper. I am the happy discoverer of the two following varieties.

In examining 1,000 of the current 2c stamps with a high-power microscope, I discovered one in which the distance between the 10th and 11th line of the background in the N. E. corner is .093 mm., whereas the same distance in ordinary specimens is .097 mm. This difference is easily detected with a microscope scale carrying a microscope and a vernier reading to thousandths of a millimetre. I am certain it is a variety because in looking over a second 1,000, I found it again and it was the 873 stamp examined, each time, which I take to be conclusive proof.

In looking over a number of 2c Columbians, I found one in which the fourth perforation from the bottom on the right-hand side was elliptical instead of circular, the major axis of the ellipse measuring 1.23 mm. and the semi-minor axis measuring .57 mm. The Prince of Pilsen writes me that he has noted the same variety, and that he has also discovered it in the 1c Columbian. I am not able to verify the latter, though I have examined several million stamps.—S. M. REED.

WITH APOLOGIES TO "HAMLET."

Fine or superfine the everlasting question. Now is it better to have no stamp at all Than to have one that is not perfection; Or to disregard the dictum of condition cranks And take them as we find them. Imperf. or perf. Each one must have a margin 'round And if a hair's-breadth out to south or north He will not have it and the space is empty, And never will be filled. Why not? because The stamp cannot be found, for sad to say The man who made them did his level best To spoil them all and few were left perfect To suit the crank. Frank A. G.—says, "If the centering's off a mite, reduce the price To some per cent. of catalogue for fine; But he is wrong, the crank must have them all As perfect as the best, with same outlay As saner mortals pay for average kind; And, if the saner mortal has for sale A copy that to him appears of worth, The crank returns it and demands instead Unknown perfection; says will pay the price Of damaged or off-centered stuff and shies When asked to pay according to the book Whose standard all are ready to accept, As guide and monitor, collectors' friend Which teaches us the A. B. C. of stamps And shows where copies without name belong. Thus does a fad make hopeless cranks of some And bids all wonder whether this collecting Is hedged around with such a hopeless task As hunting for the rainbow's hidden gold. The album's pages thus remain unfilled And dead is the collection.

A MODERN STAMP EXCHANGE

January number of *Linn's Way* explains fully. Exchange your duplicates for what you need. A new plan—a reliable man behind it. GEORGE W. LINN CO., Columbus, Ohio

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B. P. S. Heading

BOSTON, MASS., Mar. 18, 1913.

The 288th (regular) meeting of the Society was held at the Club room this evening with President Nevin in the chair and 41 members and friends present.

The following was presented:—

Library Report for Jan.-Mar.

By donation: Drew's 122 and 123rd sales priced from H. F. King, Scott's 172 and 173rd sales priced from Freeman Putney, "The Making of Stamps," by Frank E. Goodwin and Linn's Philatelic Handbook No. 1 from New England Stamp Co.

Also the current numbers of the following magazines generously contributed by the publishers: Gibbons' Monthly, Mekeel's Weekly, Stamp Journal, Postage Stamp, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Circular, Philatelic Gazette, Roessler's Stamp News, Collectors' Journal, New England Stamp Monthly, British Guiana Philatelic Journal, Newark Stamp News and New Yorker Briefmarken Zeitung.

Mr. Stone reported that thus far the Boston Philatelic Society members, through subscriptions and membership fees, had subscribed \$117 toward the International Stamp Exhibition to be held in New York next October.

The draft of the new Constitution for the Society was presented by the special committee and read by the Secretary. A copy will be hung on the Club Room bulletin board, for those who may wish to examine it, and it will come up for action at the next meeting. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The following were elected to membership:—

- No. 572, Frederick S. Cook.
No. 573, Jesse T. Lillibridge.
No. 574, Marcus White.

The resignation of No. 478 was accepted, and the following were dropped for non-payment of dues:—Nos. 104, 389, 430, 433, 475, 498, 508, 549, 551, and 556.

The entertainment consisted of a most magnificent and complete collection of Exhibition and similar labels, largely foreign, belonging to Mr. B. W. Allen, which excited the wonder and admiration of all; and an extremely interesting collection of "side-lines," including freaks and oddities, the property of Mr. Willard O. Wylie, in which everyone found something of special attraction.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The new denominations being chronicled from South American countries, such as the 4c Uruguay, the 8c Peru provisional, etc., are the result of the First South American Continental Postal Congress held from January 8 to February 2, 1911 at Montevideo. The countries sending delegates to the Congress were Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. The action of the conference was ad referendum, and so far seven of the ten countries have ratified the convention affecting the change in postage rates, Brazil, Uruguay and Venezuela not having yet done so.

—"I read with interest and amusement what the climate does to o. g. in the Philippines. In India ants dine on it, and in the rainy season the gum grows moist and sticketh closer than a collector. Out here in Arizona, in the Salt River Valley, in Summer the heat curls a stamp with o. g. into a hopeless roll, and I would advise any one sending stamps into this section to keep o. g.'s for other climates. I, too, am a collector of used, wherever possible; but I have many unused, brought from the East, and a few without gum. The last named are permissible, in this climate."

—E. B. HILL.

—"I saw the 26c Philippines chronicled in an English paper which would indicate it was issued at least three months ago; but I did not see one, and feel sure they were not on sale to the public, until late in February. The 16c is on sale, just put on the counter. The 2 peso brown-violet, old watermark, has not been seen by many collectors around here. I have never seen one as yet. They don't sell them at the P. O. The 4c new wmk. is not out, except in booklets."—THEO. SIDDALL.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from A. C. Roessler, Hugo Kuentler (3), W. T. Monsarrat, M. D., Rev. Louis Voss, J. H. Massey, W. R. King.

KNICK-KNACKS.

We stop the press to report the mysterious disappearance of the o. f. c. and the o. f. d. Sinpod the stamp sage has been asked to find them.

"I do not want to go where I cannot take my stamps with me," says a writer. Then he should reform.

There is no escape from Borus Blurb, the none-such philatelic poet, for eight long months. He has got only to April:

April, the month of nature's smile and tear,
Marks the acme of all the philatelic year.

Our Great Lilliputian Contest. "A member of our society accidentally dropped ink on my mint five shillings, Cayman, 1907, and then wanted to buy it for almost nothing because of its condition."

"Why does not some stamp dealer

make a hit by offering 'Bargains?' asks a bold, bad reader.

"Now that the ball season has opened, I suppose that errors no longer will be scarce," giggles Embossed Emil. Stand back and give him air.

"The study of stamps gives an elasticity to the intellect," proclaims a writer who first should catch the intellect.

"He is a man who would say Stampology without a tremor," is the description given of a hardened philatelic character now at large.

Red is the color of passion and that accounts for the way in which the postal clerks bang the present parcel post stamps.

Great excitement is occasioned by the report that no revolution is in progress in one of the southern countries.

"Some of my stamps smile at me, others frown; it is the condition that they are in," confesses a writer. He means that it is the condition that he is in.

A reader wants to know what the first requirement in stamp buying is and we have no hesitation in saying the price.

On a wager a man has started to walk from San Francisco to New York but his real reason is that he probably wishes to attend the Stamp Exhibition.

Someone wants to know the best way to remove stamps from an album. When the owner is not looking, we should say, if such advice were not harmful.

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CHAPTER XXXV.

15 Cents, Issue of 1870-79.

Like the others of the higher values of this series, the 15 cent stamps do not afford a very wide field for study—perhaps just enough varieties being noted to make it tantalizing to the average collector. Yet there is a bit more leeway in this than in the 12, the 24, 30 or 90 cent stamps. The fact that a great majority of the grilled varieties have the embossing so faintly impressed as to make the study of sizes most difficult, retards the enthusiasm of the student somewhat. Then, too, the color made these stamps most susceptible to the damaging effects of cancellation, and it is rare indeed to find a really superb used copy.

We can only use our powers of deduction in the matter of whether the stamp was issued first in grilled or ungrilled shape, or that possibly they might have been put on sale in both conditions at about the same time.

The writer has already shown that stamps of the lower denominations were offered first without grilles, and from what little data we have it seems likely that the entire issue, from 1 to 90 cents—with the single exception of the 7 cent stamps—did not appear embossed until some months later than the date of first issue. The facts are too meagre to state positively whether such was the case, or not. I believe the stamps, with grille, did not begin to appear until the latter part of 1870, at least. The one thing of which I am certain is, that traces of a worn plate is not an infallible test of a bad grille.

As the catalogs and the various handbooks treat the grilled stamps first I will not stray from that path, but will review the few things which are known of this variety, first.

Plate No. 20 was the one used for the production of the 15 cent stamp, made by the National Bank Note Company. Mr. Luff says that the grille appears upon the stamp, printed in shade of bright orange. I have three slightly different shades of this stamp, but am not at all certain but that the difference is not due to fading, or atmospheric action. Being printed in orange it is susceptible to color changes, and I have seen copies badly oxidized, and a bath of peroxide of hydrogen changed them to their normal color.

Three sizes of grilles have been found; perhaps there are more. They are:

Size	Points
8½x10½	11x13
9 x11	12x14
10 x12	13x15

One will look through many stamps showing the grille before he will be

able to find those which he can positively identify as to size and count. These are rather scarce, as every collector knows, and to carry on the study to much extent the student will be forced to borrow many copies before he can say for certainty that he has seen the different sizes.

The end roller grille has not been chronicled, nor have I heard of any copy being known, although I see no reason why it should not exist as well in this denomination as in the others.

Three shades and no varieties make up the sum total of what the specialist has to collect in the stamps without grille. The shades, according to Mr. Luff, are: pale bright orange, and bright orange. To which the writer adds, the orange. This stamp is found upon at least two thicknesses of paper, but as no attempt has been made to classify these papers I shall omit them.

The exact date of the appearance of this denomination is unsettled. The issue appeared on April 15, 1870. It was not later than early May when this stamp went into use, and possibly it appeared simultaneously with the low-cent values.

From April 15, 1870, to April 30, 1873, there were delivered to the post-office department 5,581,800 stamps.

The Continental Bank Note Company took over the dies, plates, etc., and began making stamps upon a contract dated May 1, 1873. This concern deepened the upright lines in the triangle at the left, to identify its work from that of the former manufacturers. The plate used by the new contractors was number 31, showing that no use was made of the old plate.

Three shades are given to the stamps of this series by Mr. Luff, namely—pale orange, orange, deep orange.

Two varieties only are chronicled: Grilled, for legal purposes; on ribbed paper.

Deliveries between April 30, 1873 and December 31, 1876, were 3,052,000 stamps.

The American Bank Note Company, successors to the Continental concern, used the same plate as its predecessors—number 31. But the merged concern was a little more liberal with its shades, producing the following: Pale orange, yellow, orange yellow, orange red, orange, red orange and pale red. No varieties are noted.

Ten thousand copies of a reissue were made for the Centennial exposition in 1876 and later 500 copies more were printed. The shade was deep orange. Of these but 169 copies were sold to the public.

The proofs are handsome specimens of printing and should be collected.

(To be continued.)

HAWAIIAN EXHIBIT.

The Hawaiian Philatelic Society is making plans for an exhibition, the first in the history of the Society. It will be held in Honolulu during the first week in May, in the Y. M. C. A. building.

The exhibit will not be entirely confined to the members of the Society, as there will be a special section reserved for the members of the Junior Philatelic Society and another for the displays of any local collector or specialist. Several large private collec-

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can Philatelic Society who may have

suffered through the recent visitation of

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to come to the front and demonstrate

to the world that there is a bond of

brotherly love among the followers of

our splendid science." Mr. Grahame

shows a spirit that is very creditable but

we feel that as many of our readers

have contributed liberally to the funds

that were started immediately in all

sections of the country, it is not in-

cumbent upon us to establish a phil-

atelic fund. However, if any members

of the American Philatelic Society or

other stamp collectors were among the

sufferers, we shall attempt gladly to al-

leviate their distress.

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Making it Right—Mr. W. E. Whitnall, Liverpool, England, whose keen interest in the stamps of the United States and attendant postal history has found expression in our columns at different times, writes: "In the second paragraph of Mr. C. A. Howes' 'Washington As Seen on Our Stamps,' in the issue of February 22nd, 1913, I read that 'by the Act of March 3rd, 1845 . . . the single rate (was) made uniform at five cents for all distances under three thousand miles.' Because the quotation from Mr. Jas. Leslie's article in the Stamp Collectors' Magazine for Nov. 1st, 1863—as given in Mr. Luff's 'Postage Stamps of the U. S.' on page 7 (three thousand miles) did not agree with Mr. Luff's copy of the Act, on pages 6 and 387 (three hundred miles) I sought some assistance here, and by favour of the United States Representative in Liverpool was permitted to see his copy of the printed records of the Act of March 3rd, 1845, 28th Congress, Session II, Chap. XLIII, where the distance is stated as three hundred miles. That settled the matter for me, and I have since then been satisfied that Mr. Leslie made a mistake or has been wrongly reported. Now Mr. Howes says 'three thousand miles.' Has he made a mistake?" Yes.

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A Famous Act—The Act of March 3rd, 1845, by which congress sharply reduced the postal rates was a memorable one. The reactionaries predicted all

sorts of dire results and maintained that the rate reductions would demoralize the post-office establishment. There was some reason for uneasiness as no little confusion attended the reform and in consequence of the increased labor and the decreased compensation and curtailed privileges of postmasters under the Act of March 3rd, 1845, perhaps one-third of the postmasters of the United States voluntarily vacated their offices within the succeeding quarter. Extra commissions granted by an order of July 9th, 1845, arrested the exodus and by the law of March 1st, 1847, higher rates of commissions were allowed postmasters. Before the passage of the Act of March 3rd, 1845, the rates "on a single letter, composed of one piece of paper" ranged from six to twenty-five cents, according to distance; the maximum charge was for "over 400" miles. The new act named five cents as the rate on a letter not exceeding a half-ounce in weight, sent not exceeding 300 miles; beyond 300 miles, ten cents.

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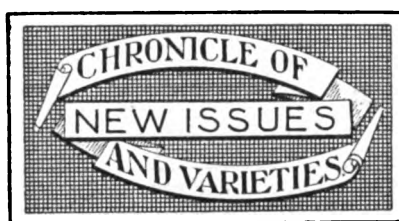
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding pre-cancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

AUSTRALIA.—Frank Kocher has shown us a letter card from Australia with the new kangaroo stamp. On the back is a picture showing Queensland scenery.

Whitfield King & Co. have shown us further values of the new Kangaroo set.

Adhesives.

4d orange.
9d violet.

BAVARIA.—Ewen's Weekly says that owing to the accession of the new Regent, a new series of postage stamps is shortly to be issued.

BULGARIA.—Maury's Collectionneur says that the 50s orange postage due stamp of 1902-04 having become exhausted, the 50s blue of 1884, perforated and imperforate have been placed in use again.

CANAL ZONE.—Gerald D. Bliss sends us the new post card from the Canal Zone, the design of the stamp being a modified copy of the current 1c adhesive. The overprint "Canal Zone" reads down, and is in much larger type than the current adhesives.

Post Card.

1c green on white.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—Harry E. Huber and Whitfield King & Co., also report the 1d, 4d and 6d values of the King George set, reported from "Specimen" copies in No. 1160. The stamps were issued in the latter days of February. Mr. Huber calls attention to inclusion of the 4d, which was discontinued in the King Edward "Postage and Revenue" series, after the first consignment of 2400 stamps had been sent out. The ink used for printing the duty plate of the 6d, has more carmine in the purple than was formerly the case.

ECUADOR.—Frank C. Davis has shown us a cover franked with a diagonal half of the 20c yellow green of 1907, used as 10 cents. The letter was postmarked "Mar. 4, 1913."

EGYPT.—Gibbons Weekly says that the designs of the new series have been

accepted, and an order for the new stamps placed with De La Rue & Co. for the stamps. There are to be nine values as follows: 1m, Nile boats; 2m, the Goddess Hathor; 3m, Temple of Luxor; 4m, view of Fayoum; 5m, the Sphinx; 10m, Colossus of Memnon; 20m, Portico of Karnak; 50m, The Citadel; 100m, Assouan Dam.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—Frank C. Davis has shown us a cover from the islands with ½d and 1d King George stamps and a 1d stamp of Great Britain. This letter stamp has not been considered as enough for postage, as the letter was rated up and 4 cents postage due charged.

Adhesives.

½d green.
1d scarlet.

HONDURAS.—Hermann Focke has shown us the new 5c provisional chronicled in No. 1161, and also a 6c provisional, made in the same way by surcharging the 1c steamer type.

Provisional Adhesive.

"6 cts" on 1c violet.

INDIA.—Edwin F. Sawyer has shown us the new registration envelope for India. The design shows a large oval with crowned portrait of King George, similar to the adhesives. The inscription reads "India Registration, Two Annas—Postage Half Anna," around the frame.

Registration Envelope.

2½a dark ultramarine.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Frank Kocher has shown us a cover from Sydney, which has been franked by a cancellation mark extending across the envelope giving "Sydney," "N. S. W.," "Ja 6," "1913" and "Paid ½d" all let into the lines. These inscriptions are placed in two groups and are repeated constantly. This is even simpler than the precancels, though giving more work for the post office clerks.

NEW ZEALAND.—Ewen's Weekly states that the new design for the stamps of this country is an adaptation of the old English penny black. The King's head appears with the crown above on a background of small diamonds. Maori carving at the sides, and the numerals in the two lower corners. The stamps will be printed at Wellington.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke has shown us a new provisional from this country. As predicted a long time ago, the 35c value has become unnecessary owing to the advancing of the foreign postage rate from 35 cents to 50 cents. The surcharge reads "Vale 15 cts.—Correos 1913." in two lines in black.

Provisional Adhesive.

15c on 35c green and chestnut.

QUEENSLAND.—Edwin F. Sawyer has shown us a registration envelope, which we have not previously chronicled. The design is the same as the Victoria

Registration Envelope of 1891, but with embossed portrait of King Edward facing to the right.

Registration Envelope.

3d red on buff.

RUSSIA.—Maury's Collectionneur chronicles a full series of stationery with stamps of the commemorative designs. The envelopes and letter cards are printed on blue paper.

Envelopes.

3k carmine.
7k brown.
10k blue.
14k dark green.
20k olive.

Wrappers.

1k orange.
2k yellow green.

Post Cards.

3k carmine.
3x3k carmine.
4k carmine lake.
4x4k carmine lake.

Letter Cards.

3k carmine.
7k brown.
10k blue.

SAMOS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the permanent set for this island, surcharged "Ellas," as noted last week. The firm also report having seen another set, all high values, a large oblong design showing a monastery in the centre, each value having "J. S." written across the face.

Adhesives.

1d brown.
2d blue.
5d olive.
10d yellow green.
25d red.

Maury's Collectionneur gives the following as the dates of the issue of the various decrees, authorizing the different sets of postage stamps for the Island.

1. By decree No. 1, dated Nov. 14, 1912, old style, the Government of Samos authorized the emission of three values, 5, 10 and 25 lepta, with map of Samos. The stamps are 30x40 mm., gummed and imperforate. As only a small quantity of this series was issued, the stamps are already scarce.

2. Nov. 26, 1912, decree No. 16 authorized the issue of a permanent series, 25x35 mm. in size, with head of Hermes. There were five values, 1, 5, 10, 25 and 50 lepta. These stamps were gummed and perforated, and were issued in limited quantities.

3. Nov. 29, the 5l stamp having become exhausted, the Government of Samos permitted the use of the 10l red cut in diagonal halves, each half serving as 5 lepta.

4. Dec. 22, by decree No. 45, these stamps were suppressed, and a new permanent set issued from the same design, but bearing the word "Ellas" in surcharge. This series was augmented by a 1d value. It was described in No. 1161 of MEKEEL'S.

5. Jan. 4, 1913, by decree No. 3, a new commemorative set was issued, the high value set noted above. Maury's says the written surcharge is "D. S."

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The stamps are printed on unwatermarked paper, and are perforated 12. We have been shown these stamps by the New England Stamp Co.

Adhesives.

2pa gray.
5pa ochre.
10pa green.
20pa rose.
1pi dull blue.
2pi black.
5pi dark violet.
10pi carmine.
25pi gray green.
50pi red brown.

Postage Due Adhesives.

1pi black on red.
2pi black on red.
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THE TWO MISSING PARCEL POST.

W. T. Kimball of Lawrence, Mass., has shown us the new 50c parcel post stamp, plate number 6423. A curious feature in connection with this particular sheet is that it has the word FIFTY in large sans serif capital letters upon the margin near the plate number.

We are also advised that a sheet of the 4c has been seen with a large FOUR printed on the margin in a similar manner. So near as we can ascertain, not all sheets are marked in this fashion, and we shall hope to give further information in regard to this matter shortly.

W. L. Aldrich informs us that the 3c parcel post stamps were to be placed on sale April 9. He has received advice from Washington to that effect.

OUR REVIEW.

We have received the initial number of a quite pretentious magazine from our friend, Jun Kobayagawa of Tokio, Japan, entitled *The Numismatic and Philatelic Journal of Japan*. If this first issue is a sample of what subscribers are to look forward to during the year, we are sure they will not be disappointed and will receive a valuable and helpful magazine whether they be stamp or coin collectors. On the other hand the publishers are to be congratulated on the type of periodical they have put forth and we hope their effort will meet with the success it deserves.

The number before us is bi-lingual, the two languages lending themselves readily to this arrangement as the Japanese begins at what is to us the back of the book and reads toward the front. The contents include an account of the Third International Archeological Congress, a chronicle of the new coin and stamp issues for China, illustrated with two fine autotype plates, the Revenue Stamps of Japan, a rare block of 1871 Japanese stamps (with autotype illustration), and editorials and communications, all appearing in both English and Japanese. The English section also includes an article on the new Tibet issue, and the Japanese section an article on Korean Coin-charms and Amulets. The whole number is very interesting to students of the Orient. The Editor is H. A. Ramsden, F. R. N. S., and the Publishers, Jun Kobayagawa Co., 34 Water St., Yokohama, Japan. Subscription \$2.00 per year.

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SUSPENSION OF PRODUCTION OF SPECIAL-REQUEST STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Office of Third Asst. P. M. Gen., WASHINGTON, March 27, 1913.

1. The stamped envelope factory at Dayton, Ohio, has been temporarily closed on account of damage to the plant resulting from the recent disastrous floods. Pending repairs, the supplying of special-request and office-request stamped envelopes will be suspended. It is believed that production will very soon be resumed, and notice will be given when the Department is again prepared to fill requisitions.

2. Postmasters will notify purchasers of special-request envelopes that their orders will be accepted and forwarded to the Department subject to such delay as may attend the resumption of operations by the factory.

3. The Department has an ample supply of plain, unprinted stamped envelopes at the several distributing agencies throughout the country, which will be issued, so long as they last, in response to requisitions from postmasters on Form 3201 for sale to purchasers desiring them pending the filling of orders for special-request envelopes. Any printing on such plain envelopes must be done by local printers at the expense of purchasers.

A. M. DOCKERY,
Third Asst. P. M. Gen.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.
Baden.

THE FIFTH ISSUE.

At the end of 1867 the North German Postal Confederation, which was then formed, established a new scale of rates to take effect from January 1st, 1868. The rate on letters weighing under ¼ oz. was fixed at 3kr and that on heavier letters up to ½ oz. at 7kr. The latter rate also applied to letters sent to Switzerland, Belgium, and North America by way of Prussia, and later on it was extended to other foreign countries. The necessity of creating a new stamp of 7kr was at once apparent. The Baden Post Office in recommending the issue of this new value at the same time suggested the withdrawal of the 18kr value and reported that there was sufficient stock on hand of the 6kr, 9kr, and 30kr to last for years. The stock of the 18kr was, therefore, withdrawn and destroyed as we have already stated. It was decided to issue a 7kr stamp as recommended and Maier—an engraver of Karlsruhe—was entrusted with the task of preparing the die. As the inscription "POSTVEREIN," on the right-hand side of the frame, no longer applied, the word "FREI-MARKE" was substituted. It will be noted that the inscriptions are in thicker type than before (especially as regards "BADEN") and the value at foot is contracted to "KR". The work is altogether much inferior to that of Kurz. At the same time it was decided to alter the designs of the 1kr and 3kr to correspond with the new 7kr. It would appear that Maier only engraved one matrix, with the numerals of value omitted, and from this the three secondary dies required were constructed.

Although the new rates were effective as from January 1st, 1868, the 7kr stamps were not ready for issue until October and the modified 1kr and 3kr were issued about the same time. An official notice, dated September 1868, was circulated to the post-masters intimating them of the change of design, viz:—

A printing of three sorts of stamps from a new die will be ready this year. These are the stamps of 1 and 3 kreuzer, and a new value of 7 kreuzer. The design is the same as before, except that the word FREIMARKE is repeated in the right side of the frame, in place of POSTVEREIN as heretofore. The value is indicated by a numeral, and the letters KR.

The colours of the new issue are—1 kreuzer green, 3 kreuzer red, as before, and the 7 kreuzer blue, but of a darker tone than the present 6 kreuzer stamp. The delivery of the new 1 kreuzer stamp to the Post-offices has already begun, and that of the 3 kreuzer will follow as soon as the old stamps in the chief depots have been exhausted. The delivery of the 7 kreuzer stamps will follow at the beginning of the next quarter, and, unless otherwise ordered, in the quantities necessary for each of the Grand Ducal Post-offices.

There were further printings of these stamps in the years 1869, 1870, and 1871. On December 31st of the latter year the Postal Administration of Baden ceased to exist as a separate institution, and on January 1st, 1872, its stamps were superseded by those of the German Empire.



Reference List.

1868. No watermark. Perf. 10.
21. 1kr green, Scott's No. 26.
22. 3kr rose, Scott's No. 27.
23. 7kr blue, Scott's No. 28.

THE LAND POST STAMPS.

In 1859 a rural post was established in Baden, its chief object being to operate a messenger service connecting rural villages which had no post-offices of their own with the nearest State Post-office. It had an organisation of its own, distinct from the State Post, but to which, nevertheless, it was an adjunct. In the year 1862 a Grand Ducal decree was issued, under the date of 26th September, authorising improvements in connection with this rural post and 1kr, 3kr, and 12kr stamps were ordered to be prepared for its use. These stamps are of similar design showing large numerals in the centre with "LAND-POST" above and "PORTO-MARKE" below. An ornamental border completed this very unpretentious design. All were printed in black on yellow wove paper and perforated 10. The inscription "Porto-marke" indicates they were postage due stamps but they were not postage due stamps in the ordinary meaning of the term. These labels were used solely in connection with the rural post and in addition to being used to collect deficient postage, they were used to collect the delivery charge on parcels, and for various purposes such as the collection and conveyance of money. At this period the Post-office collected taxes and, in some instances, debts due to tradesmen. For this service it charged a commission fixed at the rate of 1kr per florin and this commission was denoted by means of these rural post stamps. The stamps were not sold to the public but were used only by officers of the rural post.

The stamps are scarce used, especially the 12kr but they are common enough unused owing to the fact that in 1873 Julius Goldner, of Hamburg, purchased the remainders consisting of 322,800 of the 1kr, 455,400 of the 3kr and 160,000 of the 12kr.

Reference List.
RURAL STAMPS.

1862. No watermark. Perf. 10.
24. 1kr black on yellow, Scott's No. 29.
25. 3kr black on yellow, Scott's No. 30.
26. 12kr black on yellow, Scott's No. 31.

SHORT REPLIES.

"Subscriber" (Douglas, Wyo.).—The best way of removing stamps from envelopes is to float them face upwards in a shallow bowl of luke-warm water.
(2) The letters "o. g." are a contraction for "original gum."

A. B. (Minneapolis).—Such envelope freaks as you mention are not uncommon and are worth little more than normal varieties.

D. H. (Scranton, Pa.).—See reply to "A. B."

E. V. (Minneapolis).—The stamp you describe is a German private local.

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References, Howard M. Buckman and Arthur H. Mann, both of Swarthmore College; proposed by S. M. Edwards. Otto Naundorf, Charlottenburg, Germany, Kaiser Friedrichstr. 76, age 47, official Bureau Vorstheher. References, Louis Cohn, notary public and Max Steinetz, attorney at law, both of Berlin, Germany; proposed by Maitland Milliken, Denver.

Dues received since last report, from 202, \$1.00; from 206, \$1.00; from two applicants, \$1.00; and applicant of February overlooked, \$.50. Total \$3.50.

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ARGUSVILLE, N. D., March 31, 1913.

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BOSTON, MASS., April 12, 1913.

The 290th (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the club room on

Tuesday evening, April 15th, at 7.30 o'clock.

The draft of the new Constitution and By-laws will come up for adoption and a large attendance of the membership is desired for a thorough discussion of the same.

The applications of Messrs. Hamilton C. Macdougall and M. B. Clark for membership will be acted upon.

The Entertainment Committee will exhibit the magnificent collection of Great Britain belonging to Mr. George C. Worthington from 6.30 to 7.30 p. m., and again at the close of the business meeting. If time allows there will also be other entertainment provided after the meeting.

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NEW ORLEANS ACTIVE.

There was a doubling in the activities of the New Orleans Stamp Club Tuesday evening, April 1, the occasion being the regular monthly meeting of the "adhesives" and the first semi-annual dinner. Both conclaves—mental and material—were called at the Old Hickory, and in the latter direction the supply of alimentary goods was all that could be desired. It is not necessary to go into the minutia of the menu—from appetizer to the cafe noir, the tables were swept clean, even the crumbs being an invisible quantity.

The business of the meeting, which preceded the dinner, was rather social in its way than creating any new ideas as regards the study of philately. The usual swapping of duplicates and auctioning off of books and sheets was supplemented by discussions of rare finds that had been made by the individual members, and universal execration of the attitude of the United States courts in confiscating the plates from which the unusually artistic stamps, advertising the international exhibit to be held during October in New York had been printed, and, as one member put it, the attitude smelled to the gods as one rather of envy than founded on any basis of public safety. This view was based on the present issue of parcel post stamps, which require the postal clerk to have a magnifying glass to distinguish between the 1-cent and the \$1 "sticker."—Picayune.

OUR CATALOG HUNT.

The interest in our catalog hunt was splendidly maintained, and a great many entries received. It will be remembered that in our issue of Feb. 8 we published a list of thirty-eight questions based on errors of a typographical nature found in the Standard catalog.

Some of these questions were very difficult to answer, as evidenced by the fact that not a single complete correct list was received tallying with Mr. Hunt's list submitted when the questions were published. For the benefit of the contestants we publish herewith Mr. Hunt's list:—

1. P. 515, Note (163)	20. P. 550, 260b
2. " 91, (204)	21. " 670, last word
3. " 849, No. 61	22. " 732, (720)
4. " 504, 60b	23. " 555, (265b)
5. " 585, No. 11	24. " 552, (151)
6. " 302, No. 1117	25. " 702, (124a)
7. " 505, Note	26. " 28, (1952a)
8. " 63, No. 119	27. " 558, (377)
9. " 705, No. 118b	28. " 157, (101)
10. " 609, No. 4	29. " 352, (142d)
11. " 182, No. 332	30. " 546, (129)
12. " 23, 1545b	31. " 507, (7) & (24)
13. " 44, (3479)	32. " 467, (39a)
14. " 13, (570)	33. " 100, Wmk. Chile
15. " 92, (11 & 21)	34. " 832, (113)
16. " 573, (A41)	35. " 404,
17. " 22, (1409a)	36. " 833, (236)
18. " 740, (13a)	37. " 481, (20c)
19. " 891, (Cyprus 65)	38. " 493, (20c)

The two best lists submitted were from Marshall S. Howard, Vancouver, Wash., and A. E. Stockin, Loomis, N. Y. Both of these contestants, however, failed in their answer to No. 2. Bolivia, page 110, was given as the answer in both cases, when according to Mr. Hunt's list the word is to be found in the note under 204 on page 91. Both of these lists are in such excellent form that we regret our inability to award the first prize to either Mr. Howard or Mr. Stockin.

The following contestants had a complete correct list with one exception, though the entries possessed less merit than the two above referred to:—

James Lewis Howe	Walter G. Grueby
F. N. Chevalier	B. G. Bushnell
P. C. Pikarske	Harry L. Newton
D. B. Gawthrop	G. E. Fountain
Wm. E. Looser	F. L. Bush
E. J. Linson	

To all of these contestants, thirteen in number, we have sent a copy of our new Poole book, "The Stamp Collector's Guide".

The following contestants entered complete lists with two exceptions:—

O. H. Eidsor	J. J. Prendergast
Kate M. Burke	L. D. Horton
Mark H. Harris	A. G. Johnson

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The following answered all but three:—

Chas. W. Hall	H. C. Burns
E. B. Charman	J. H. Raymond

These contestants missed on four:—

T. W. Embley, M. D.	A. R. Mengel
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I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, in which you state that on a sheet of the 50-cent parcel post stamps you note the word "FIFTY" in large capital letters on the lower margin near the plate number, and request me to advise you whether this is found on all sheets of the 50-cent, and if not, the reason for its being on this particular sheet which you have. You further request to be advised whether a similar inscription is found upon the other values; has the same been used from the beginning of the series, and whether this word appears upon the bottom margin only, or upon all sides of the sheet.

In reply I beg to state that parcel post stamps are printed 180 stamps to the sheet. There are 18 stamps printed from the top to the bottom, and 10 stamps across the sheet. These large sheets are cut into four small sheets containing 45 stamps each, the same as are sold at the different post offices throughout the country.

The word, as in the case which you inquire about, "FIFTY" occurs eight times upon the large sheet, and when these large sheets are cut into smaller sheets of 45 stamps each, this word would occur twice on each sheet, but the positions would be varied according to the location of the quarter sheet of 45 stamps. For instance, the left hand upper quarter would contain the word on the lower part of the left hand margin of the sheet, and on the right hand side of the top margin; the right hand upper quarter, the word would be on the left hand side of the top margin, and the lower part of the right hand margin; the lower left hand quarter, the word would occur on the upper part of the left hand margin, and on the right hand side of the bottom margin, while in the last, or lower right hand quarter, the word would occur on the upper part of the right hand margin and on the left side of the bottom margin. These words were not originally placed upon the parcel post stamps but were afterwards put upon all sheets of the different denominations for the purpose of instantly calling the attention of postmasters to the denomination of the different stamps.

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KNICK-KNACKS.

"I bought at auction a stamp described with 'two slight tears' but when I saw the yawning chasms, my tears were large and copious," babbles Embossed Emil. Answer the telephone, Emil.

"Some collectors grope their way through darkness," begins a philatelic scribe who, we suppose, will lead up to the recommendation of some infallible eye remedy.

A stamp society announces "A Friendly Chat on some Postage Stamps" in its program, thereby reassuring the timid members who may have anticipated the settlement of moot points a la "Society on the Stanislaw."

The only reason that some countries issue any unsurcharged stamps is that they must have unsurcharged stamps to surcharge. Simpod must have done this.

"What do I feel that I owe my stamps every time I look upon their happy faces?" asks a quillman batedly. An apology, we should say.

Old Doc Dodder says that a vivid imagination is helpful in stamp collecting.

It certainly loans a picturesque quality to the tales of the stamps that one once had.

"Some stamps elude my grasp most mysteriously," complains Roundabout, the human element writer. He should put sand on his hands.

Most philatelists are optimists, some one says. Sure; one of them admits in his catalogue that a stamp with "piece missing, centered north and heavily canceled" is "otherwise fine."

An advertiser says that the increased cost of living has not affected the price of stamps but much as we love the "little bits of paper" we cannot eat them.

A philatelic scrivener has discovered the fourth dimension. At least he whispers that "it is as important to remember the stamps that you have not got as it is the stamps you have."

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Mrs. W. H. Cutler, John Fischer (5), W. A. Cain.

—We are advised by Clarence W. Kline that the DeWitt-Clinton High School in N. Y. City, considered one of the best preparatory schools in the U. S., has for several years had a philatelic society,—and a live one, too.

—H. V. Blackburn, West Toronto, Canada, desires us to state that he has resigned the secretaryship of the Canadian Philatelic Association. Mr. Blackburn filled the duties of his position with energy and zeal and it is a matter of regret that his efforts were not crowned with success.

—"Within the past two weeks I read a short article to the effect that ads in a weekly stamp paper are 'dead' in two or three weeks, while in a good live monthly magazine their life is extended to six months or more. Well, that may be so, but just the same, one adv of mine in an October issue of the WEEKLY was still very much alive Dec. 9, when 3 cash replies came in. My 36 l. advertisement Feb. 22 brought in 82 replies, the last one dated April 8."—CHAS. A. TOWNSEND.

—The daily papers relate the burning of the "Tattersall" Building at Stockholm, Sweden, involving a loss of over one million kronor. As this building housed the permanent headquarters of the Philatelic Society of Sweden with its valuable library, collections and fine equipment there is fear that further news will indicate that the Society has suffered a staggering loss.—L. H. KJELLSTEDT.

—James M. Prendergast advises us that the N. Y. edition of the *Illustrated London News* for March 22 contained a full page illustration "Freaks of Philately," gotten up in splendid form. Mr. Prendergast says that it is well worth the price of the paper, 15c.

—Julian Park sends us greetings from Ancon, Canal Zone. He is enjoying a tropical holiday, visiting Costa Rica, Guatemala and other points in Central America. He writes that the Zone seems to have a goodly number of collectors.

—The 3c parcel post has appeared. Several readers have advised us of this

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Not So Far Away.—The months roll by and the time of the International Stamp Exhibition at New York no longer seems so distant nor so wholly a circumstance for future rather than present consideration. Few months comparatively speaking intervene between now and next October when the Exhibition will be a reality and we beg of all philatelists to interest themselves in this most important philatelic event and to do their share in supporting the institution. The preparatory work is being done "excellently well" and to this fact will be due much of the success of the Exhibition.

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To Resume.—We have been asked to insert the following notice dated April 9th that has been received from Washington: "The stamped envelope factory at Dayton, Ohio which was closed for a brief time on account of the flood, has resumed operations. Railroad transportation out of Dayton is not yet normal, and some delay in filling requisitions may be expected at first, but shipments will be caught up as soon as possible."

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Cheer Up.—Parnassus Penflip who has been sulking in his tent now sallies forth to do battle. He writes: "Of all the jewels in cavernous earth, gratitude is rarest. When fair philately spread her lure I yielded to her, feeling serene that my obeisance would be recognized with meet applause but how has the false philatelic crew repaid my homage? I gave the best that was in me to you all but what did I receive in return? The postmaster-generalship? No. Have I been elected the dean of the Academy of Philatelic Immortals? No. Have I been chosen to write the dedicatory ode to the New York Stamp Exhibition? No. Have I been nominated for the presidency of the American Philatelic Society? No. Have I been paid even a lowly pistareen for my literary triumphs to which is attributable your recent great increase in circulation? No. I answer in the tones of a stentor; and so, I say, a pest and a scourge on you." From the foregoing, we gather that Parnassus is slightly vexed probably because we sent him a notice saying that if he did not renew his subscription at once, his name would be taken from the list.

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An Explanation.—Two covers, bearing a three cent, 1869 and three-cent, 1870, respectively, sent from Turkey, as the postmark form, "American Mission, Constantinople," with date, attests, have been shown us with the following explanation. At that time, mail from Turkey, particularly that emanating from unbelievers, could not be trusted to the Turkish postoffice with any feeling of security and as American travelers and others patronized the postoffice at the American Mission, it attained no little importance as a postal medium. The mail was post-

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Strong Ticket.—At a recent meeting of the Chicago Branch One, American Philatelic Society the following ticket was nominated, headed by General C. A. Coolidge of Detroit, who at a previous meeting was named for the presidency. Board of Vice-Presidents, Alvin Good, H. C. Crowell and J. E. Rust, Cleveland; Secretary, Wm. E. Ault, Jeffersonville, Indiana; Treasurer, Chas. F. Mann, Chicago; International Secretary, L. H. Kjellstedt, Scranton, Pa., and Directors-at-Large, E. M. Carpenter, Massachusetts, and H. B. Phillips, California. We are pleased to find the name of Chas. F. Mann, Chicago on the list of nominees, in consequence of the wish of L. C. Hassler, the present capable treasurer of the American Philatelic Society, to be relieved from further service. For many years, Mr. Mann has been treasurer of the Chicago Philatelic Society and he has all the endowments of a successful financial administrator. This Chicago ticket is an admirable one, viewed from any angle, and so formidable is it in its strength that all opposition will be discouraged.

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In Ward Thirteen.—Said the Attendant at the Asylum for the Addled: "Say, the chap that they brought in last is a bad case and it looks as though we shall have to put him in the rest-room with the key outside the door. Doc was not going to take him in at first but the wife and friends were so nice about it that he yielded but he is sorry now, I bet. This new fellow does nothing but think stamps, sleep stamps and talk stamps. All the other patients run away from him. His wife said that he began the day with a philatelic prayer and ended it with a philatelic meeting at night; and all day long, he read the stamp papers, sang philatelic songs and recited philatelic poetry. It must have been awful. No matter what question was asked him, he answered with a stamp joke. Finally, when he lectured on the street corner on the 'Pulse of Philately' and the police ran him in as some kind of cult leader, his friends came to bail him out, only to find him reciting number twenty-seven in his list of advantages of philately that he was giving his cell-mate, a poor old bum who could not get away. Sure, the fellow is happy but how about the rest of us?"

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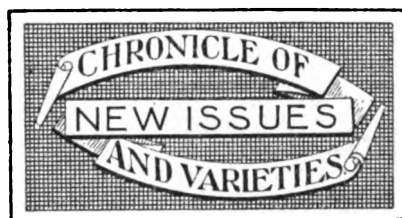
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 \$1, .64; \$2, \$1.28; \$5, \$3.20..... Set **5.12**
 New Provisional Government issue with portrait of Sun Yat Sen, 1, 2, 3, 5c, Set .10; 1c to 50c Set **.72**
 \$1, .64; \$2, \$1.28; \$5, \$3.20 Set **5.12**

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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDRIDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

UNITED STATES.—Writing from Saginaw, Mich., John J. Spencer sends us specimens of the 3c parcel post stamp, the first we have seen. He also reports the arrival of the 50c parcel post, two days before the 3c, which came to hand April 8. The 3c has the value in large capitals in the margin of the sheet, a feature recently seen in some of the other values. The plate number of the 3c is 6257. The design shows the side of a mail car, with the mail catcher in operation.

Parcel Post Adhesive.

3c carmine.

Frank B. Eldredge lists the following new precancels:

Cleveland, Ohio.—(No. 1155)—1c, 1913, inverted. Reported by William F. Works.

New York, N. Y.—Two lines (New York—N. Y.) horizontal inscription between two lines 13 mm. apart, lines 2 mm. in thickness. 4c, 1910.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Two lines (CINCINNATI—OHIO) in capitals, Cincinnati curved, Ohio in smaller capitals and straight, and under this is two lines composed of small — to conform to the curve of the top inscription, but curving opposite to the above. 1910, 3c imprint showing three times on one stamp. Ed. M. Voss.

Cleveland, Ohio.—(No. 1153)—1c, 1912, inverted, imprint showing three times on one stamp. Ed. M. Voss.

Chicago, Ill.—(No. 1157)—1c, 1912, inverted, imprint showing three times on one stamp. Ed. M. Voss.

Riverton, N. J.—Two lines (RIVERTON—NEW JERSEY) between lines 14½ mm. between, and ½ mm. in thickness. Riverton in large capitals 3 mm. high and New Jersey in small capitals, 2¼ mm. high. 1913, 1c & 2c Parcel Post. Reported by Ed. M. Voss.

Chicago, Ill.—(No. 1153)—1913, 1c inverted, 2c inverted, 4c inverted, 5c, 5c inverted, 10c inverted. Parcel Post. Reported by Ed. M. Voss.

Sedalia, Mo.—These stamps are precancelled with four vertical lines 9 mm.

apart and 1 mm. thick. 1913, 1c Parcel Post. Reported by Ed. M. Voss.

Paradise, Pa.—Two lines (PARADISE—PA) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals, between lines 1½ mm. thick and 8 mm. apart. 1908-09, 1c.

Chicago, Ill.—(No. 1157)—2c, 1912, upper line a hair line.

Augusta, Maine.—(1153)—1c, 1910, reading up, right line a hair line.

Minneapolis, Minn.—(1160)—1c, 1912, both upper and lower lines, hair lines.

Boston, Mass.—(1155)—1c, 4c, inverted, Parcel Post.

Boston, Mass.—Two lines (BOSTON, MASS.) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals, with three lines, above, below and between; lines 6 mm. apart and ¾ mm. in thickness. 1c, 1912, Schermack, No. 3.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—(No. 1162)—2c and 10c, 1911, Postage Due.

St. Louis, Mo.—(No. 1158)—2c, 1913, Parcel Post.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Two lines, (PITTSBURG—PA.) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals, 2 mm. high, between lines 13½ mm. apart and 1¼ mm. thick. 2c, 1912.

Attica, Ind.—Two lines (ATTICA—IND.) horizontal inscription in capitals with serifs, two lines above and below, outside lines 1 mm. thick, inside lines are hair lines, lines 1 mm. apart, 13½ mm. between lines containing inscription. 1c, 1912. Reported by H. E. Holley.

Tacoma, Wash.—(1162) 1c, 1913, San Francisco. Reported by S. M. Schoemann.

Elkhart, Ind.—Two lines (ELKHART—INDIANA.) horizontal inscription of capitals with serifs, between two lines 11 mm. apart, lines 2 mm. thick.

Brockton, Mass. (Campello Station)—(No. 1157)—2c, 1912.

St. Joseph, Mich.—Two lines (St. Joseph—Michigan) horizontal inscription between two lines, 11½ mm. apart, ½ mm. thick, capital letters are 3 mm. high, with serifs. 2c, 1912.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Two lines (BUFFALO—N. Y.) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals 4 mm. high, between lines 14 mm. apart, lines 1½ mm. thick. 1c, 2c, 4c, 1913, Parcel Post.

Cincinnati, O. (1162)—5c, 1911, Postage Due.

Frank B. Eldredge shows us further curiosities in the way of postmarks, one being printed to advertise the "Calgary—Industrial Exhibition—Calgary—Alberta—June 30, 1913, July 5." The other is a parcel post cancellation from Columbus, Miss., the first we have noticed.

BAVARIA.—At last a new departure in Postal Cards! While they have been perforated, in isolated cases, unofficially, Mr. Schachne has just received some cards officially perforated. They are destined for typewriter use and sold in sheets of six cards by the Post Office Department. The same card has also

been issued, without perforations, dated "13".

Post Card.

5pf green on buff, "12"; perforated.
5pf green on buff, "13"; regular issue.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The Rev. Louis Voss has shown us the 5c value of the new set, as chronicled in No. 1161.

COLOMBIA.—Frank C. Davis has shown us a cover franked with two of the current 2c stamps and a third cut diagonally, and half used as 1c.

GUATEMALA.—Frank C. Davis writes: "I wonder if anyone has noted a peculiarity about the 'Official' perforations of Guatemala, in that they are almost invariably reversed; i. e., the stamp must be upside down, and the perforation read from the back of the stamp. In all that I have examined this condition obtains, with the exception of an unsevered pair of 50c, one of which is as above described and the other reading from the face of the stamp, normally. I also have a 20c perforated perpendicularly. Has anyone any information as to the correct manner of perforating these stamps?"

HONDURAS.—The Rev. Louis Voss has shown us the two provisionals chronicled in No. 1161.

INDIA.—**Jaipur.**—Edwin F. Sawyer has shown us a couple of envelopes from this state both ½a. One has the stamp of the type of 1904-06, and the other has the native imitation, as noted in No. 1119.

Envelopes.

½a olive bistre.
½a ultramarine.

Kishengarh.—Ewen's Weekly chronicles the issue of a new provisional 2 anna stamp. *The Philatelic Journal of India* says that it has been locally designed and printed, and is apparently to fill up a shortage of the regular issue, 2 annas, orange-yellow. The stamps are printed in four horizontal lines and rouletted. An uncoloured space divides the two upper lines of stamps from the lower ones, so that any vertical pair is tête-bêche.

Provisional Adhesive.

2a deep violet.

ITALY.—Mr. Schachne reports the receipt of the following entires:

Post Card.

10c red on cream, dated 12.

Letter Card.

5c green on gray, dated 12.

MAURITANIE.—The New England Stamp Co., Wm. L. Aldrich & Co., and Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new stamps from this Colony. The shape is the horizontal oblong recently popular in French Colonials, one design being used for all values. The central picture shows a country scene with natives going to market leading native cattle laden with produce. The value in figures appears in the upper corners, the name of the Colony "Mauritanie" appearing at

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the top and "Afrique Occidentale Française" at the bottom. The effect is much better than some other Colonial issues. All values are bicolored. The names of the artist, De la Neziere, and the engraver, J. Puegplat, appear at the bottom outside the frame line.

Adhesives.

1c lilac and brown.
2c black and blue.
4c purple and black.
7c yellow green and blue green.
10c lake and orange.
20c brown and orange.
25c blue and ultramarine.
30c green and carmine.
40c gray and green.
45c orange and brown.
50c brown violet and carmine.
75c ultramarine and brown.
1fr deep carmine and black.
2fr orange and violet.
5fr purple and blue.

NICARAGUA.—Elbert B. Charman calls attention to the half hearted listing of the 2c, 3c, and 10c values of the locomotive set on page 559 of the 1912 Scott. As the full list in the Appendix did not contain these values, Mr. Dunning was justified in saying that they had not been listed.

William L. Aldrich & Co. have also shown us the new provisional chronicled in No. 1163.

SALVADOR.—In No. 1131 it was announced that new set of stamps was to be issued. Frank C. Davis has now shown us a cover with three of the new stamps, which have evidently been printed by the American Bank Note Co. The designs vary, showing a portrait in each case, and are very handsomely printed.

Adhesives.

1c dark blue and black; Jose Matias Delgado.
5c carmine and black; Francisco Morazan.
6c dark green and black; Rafael Campo.

SIAM.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us another value in the new set.

Adhesive.

3s. green.

SWITZERLAND.—An entirely new design of the international post card is reported by Mr. Schachne. The card has dividing face line, bears 3 lines of inscription and has 2 corner ornamentations between the second and third head lines. The same card has also been issued advertising the Swiss National Exhibition to be held at Berne in 1914.

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25 different U. S. Revenues. 10
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Benadir 1907, 2c on 1b brown, mint .02
Bulgaria Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 38, 40, .12
Congo 1894, 1fr lilac and black, used, cat. 50c .20
L. L. ALBRIGHT CO., 218 Reynolds St., Rochester, N. Y.

Post Cards.

10c red on light buff.
10c red on light buff; 1014 Exhibition card.

TURKEY.—William L. Aldrich & Co. and Whitfield King & Co. have also shown us specimens of the new stamps from this country. It is reported that there is much dissatisfaction with the execution of the stamps, and therefore they are likely to be in use for only a short time.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.—The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us further values in the new King George set, the design being the same as that noted in No. 1160.

Adhesives.

1/2d yellow green.
1d scarlet.
2d gray.
2 1/2d ultramarine.
3d violet on yellow.
4d carmine on yellow.

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387	Nos. 46 to 55 all unused o. g., fine, No. 56 used, fine..... 3.38
388	Nos. 64 to 68, all unused o. g., 61, 70 to 74, fine o. g..... .96
389	Nos. 19a, 26, 28, 28a, 29, 41a, 46, 47, 51, 53 used, fine..... 1.77
390	France Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, used, fine lot..... 11.31
391	12 to 21, good, used..... 7.52
392	Nos. 22 to 36 good, used..... 2.15
393	37 to 41, 43 to 47 used and unused, fine..... 5.06
394	54 to 64, 66, 68, 70, 77, 78, 80, 81, 76, 84, 90..... 3.12
395	86 to 96, 97 to 113 unused except No. 93..... 4.85
396	114 to 141, 211 to 217, 219, 221, 229, 234, 203, 200..... 2.82
397	Col., 39 var. used & unused, fine 3.10
398	Gambia 5, 13 to 19, mostly unused, fine o. g..... 2.87
399	20 to 27, all unused o. g., fine..... 4.43
400	Germany T. & T., 32 var., average lot, No. states..... 16.72
401	22 var., also pr. No. 3 used, So. states..... 5.04
402	N. G. P. D. complete except 28, 34, 35, used & unused, fine lot 19.35
403	Alsace-Lorraine 1870, 7 var., defect 6.72
404	Reprints of all but 10c..... —
405	German Empire, 36 var. used and unused, good lot..... 11.06
406	1880 to 1900 complete except 42 and 44, superb unused o. g..... 8.31
407	Offices in Levant 508-10-13-14-20, 65 to 74, 75, 78, used..... 1.92
408	Gibraltar Nos. 1, 3, 4 unused o. g., fine 5.00
409	Nos. 8, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18, 22-34-5-6, all unused except 11, 22, 23 6.75
410	Nos. 37 to 43, 58, 62 used and unused..... 2.09
411	Gold Coast Nos. 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, 30, 31, 35, 36, mostly unused o. g..... 10.20
412	Nos. 53, 56, 58 to 63, 65, all unused o. g..... 2.59
413	Gr. Britain Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, No. 7 has one corner cut..... 7.26
414	Nos. 20 to 28, fair lot..... 7.42
415	Nos. 33, 36, 37, 39, 40, 42, No. 40 has st. edge and creased..... 4.98
416	No. 44 unused, st. edge, slight tear..... 5.00
417	Nos. 50-1-2-3-4-5 (2), good lot..... 5.23
418	No. 56 perfs. clipped 3 sides..... 2.00
419	Nos. 57, 58, 59, 61, 63, 60, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 74, 76 used, good..... 8.00
420	No. 72 torn into at top, nothing missing..... 9.00
421	No. 73 corner perf. missing, heavy can..... 14.00
422	Nos. 78 to 87, 89, all used but one 2.17
423	No. 90 fine..... 5.00
424	94, 95 to 107 all used but 106, it may be cleaned..... 4.84
425	Nos. 97, 108, 109, used, fine..... 2.50
426	111 to 122, all unused o. g., fine 3.01
427	124 used, fine..... 4.00
428	125 to 141, 144, 145, all unused, fine..... 5.28
429	Off. in Levant 1101-2-3-4-8-13..... 1.41
430	Gov. parcels 328 to 331, 333 to 336, also Army Officials and I. R. Officials..... 12.00
431	Lot of duplicates, cat. about..... 2.50
432	21 var. envelope stamps..... —
433	Greece 67 var. used & unused, fine 1.48
434	Grenada Nos. 3, 6, 7, fair lot..... 4.50
435	Nos. 8(2), 9, 10, 11, used & unused 6.50
436	No. 16 one good, one fair..... 5.00
437	22 to 25 all unused but No. 22, 30, 35 used, good..... 3.08
438	26 used, good..... 5.00
439	30, 35 used, 37 unused, fine..... 2.31
440	39 to 47 all unused, fine o. g..... 4.78
441	22 and 23 tete beche, unused, fine o. g..... 1.30

Lot No.	Cat.
442	101-2-3 used, 104-6-7..... 3.90
443	48 to 54 all unused o. g., fine..... 4.10
444	68 to 74, 76 unused o. g., fine..... 2.28
447	Guatemala Nos. 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 to 15, 21 to 30, 32-3-4-6, 42..... 2.70
448	43-4-5-7-8-9, 61, 55, used..... .74
449	Hawaii Is. 30 to 47, 52, 11 unused, 8 used..... 18.84
450	53 to 62, 64 fine o. g..... 4.44
451	66-7-8, 70-1-2 unused o. g..... 4.27
452	74 to 82, all unused o. g., fine..... 1.73
457	Hayti 1, 3, 5, 6, last has nick at S..... 4.25
458	7 to 12 used and unused, fine lot 4.25
459	18, 19, 20 used, fine..... 1.35
460	21 (2), 22 (2), 3, 4 to 31 and duplicates..... 2.54
461	32 to 37 (2 sets), 38, 39, 41-2-3-4-7 1.74
462	52 to 61 used and unused and duplicates 68, 70, 96 to 100..... 1.55
463	31 varieties used and unused..... .98
464	Honduras 31 var. used and unused..... 1.45
465	Hong Kong Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, used, good..... 8.25
466	No. 2 unused o. g., nice copy..... 5.00
467	Nos. 8 to 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, used and unused, good..... 9.35
468	No. 27 used, fine..... 1.25
469	38 to 37 used & unused, fine..... 5.62
470	38 to 49 used & unused, fine..... 8.87
471	53 to 58 used & unused, fine..... 1.48
472	No. 200a used fine, not priced..... —
473	Nos. 60 to 68, 70-6-7-8b, 80-2-4-6, 91-2..... 6.17
474	Hungary No. 1 used defective..... 3.00
475	No. 2 good, cen. poorly..... 9.00
476	Nos. 3, 4, 6 used, good..... 5.00
477	Nos. 7 to 12 used & unused, good 1.53
478	Bal. 56 var. used & unused, good 5.25
479	Iceland Nos. 2, 4, good..... 4.00
480	Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17..... 3.27
481	Nos. 15-2-3 fair, 155-6-8, good..... 4.58
482	India Nos. 2, 4, 5 used, good..... 2.18
483	Nos. 10-1-2-3-4-6-8-9, 20-1-2-3-6-8 2.04
484	Nos. 33 to 54-6-7-8..... 4.30
485	Bal. 33 var. used and unused..... 1.18
486	Italy Nos. 35 to 48 all unused o. g. 7.20
487	Bal. 98 var. used and unused..... 6.40
488	Jamaica Nos. 1, 1a unused, one has pinhole..... 3.25
489	Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 6, used, good 9.10
490	Nos. 7 to 12, all unused but 8&10 7.10
491	Nos. 14 & 15 o. g., fine, unused 5.25
492	Nos. 16 to 27 mostly unused o. g., fine..... 3.30
493	Nos. 28, 29, 30 unused o. g., fine 4.25
494	Nos. 33-46-9, 42, 50 to 56, all unused o. g. but No. 42, also duplicates of 33-4-6-9..... 3.44
495	Japan Nos. 1, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 23, 25, 26, all defect..... 4.90
496	Nos. 33-4 (2 each), 40 to 50, some defect..... 10.70
497	No. 59 used, fair..... 2.50
498	No. 64 used, fine and scarce..... 1.50
499	No. 67 used, fine and scarce..... 1.50
500	No. 68 unused o. g., fine, scarce 4.00
501	No. 84 unused o. g., fine..... 1.75
502	No. 103 unused o. g., fine..... 1.00
503	53 var. used and unused, fine..... 3.80
504	China 9 varieties..... .78
505	Lagos Nos. 18, 19, 26-7-8, 36-7-8, 29, 30-1-8..... 7.49
506	Leeward Is., No. 1 to 8 all unused o. g., fine..... 7.65
507	21-2-3-5 (2)-6-7 (2)-8-9, 33-6-7, 38-9, 40, 41, fine o. g..... 8.64
508	Luxemburg 25 var., fine used & unused 1.73
509	Malta No. 1 unused, no gum, one st. edge..... 10.00
510	Nos. 3, 5, 7 to 13 used and unused, fine..... 3.94
511	No. 14 used, fine..... 1.60
512	Nos. 15-6-9, 20-1-2-3-5-7, 32-4-8-9, 40-1-2-5-6-7, all unused but six..... 3.42
513	2, 4d red Great Britain & 1, 2, 1/4d claret used in Malta on part covers..... —

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Rec'd dues,	\$17.40
Exch. Dept. for covers, 130	
Sales Bulletins,	1.25
	\$19.95
	\$180.59
Paid: Mekeel's bill,	\$10.00
Sec'y salary,	5.00
Membership list,	2.00
Stationery, etc.,	3.32
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	\$20.82
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THE GREAT DISASTER IN OHIO.

We take the liberty of quoting the following from a letter just at hand from Geo. W. Linn of Columbus. Mr. Linn will have the sincere sympathy of all our readers:—"I have your letter of

March 28th and should have answered sooner but you probably read of the flood. My place was surrounded by 15 feet of water, everything soaked. My fine philatelic library of bound volumes, worth easily \$500, was almost ruined, all stamps were under water and it will be some time before I am in shape to attend to things promptly. We have no gas as yet and I have a coal oil light on my desk."

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Lot No.	Cat. value
1 U. S. No. 28 red can., fine margins..	\$1.50
2 No. 28 on cover, fine.....	1.50
3 No. 29 fine margins 3 sides.....	5.00
4 No. 31 pair, good.....	1.20
5 No. 31 pen can., fair.....	.60
6 No. 33 horizontal strip of 5 unused, plate No. 4.....	7.50
7 No. 32 pen can., fair.....	20.00
8 No. 33 one red can., one black, PAID can.....	.08
9 No. 34 close margins.....	10.00
10 No. 35 lightly can.....	1.25
11 No. 36 pair, one cut close.....	4.00
12 No. 41 one postmarked New York, one pen can.....	2.00
13 No. 42 one red can., one can. small 2.....	.40
14 No. 43 two used, No. 44, one used, one unused.....	.74
15 No. 46 can. PAID in red, very faint	8.00
16 No. 47 pen can., perf. cut into left	4.00
17 No. 48a unused, one perf. missing	7.50
18 No. 49a used.....	3.50
19 No. 49a no gum, unused.....	4.00
20 No. 50a unused, o. g., fine.....	3.50
21 No. 51 unused o. g., fine.....	3.00
22 No. 52a very good.....	4.00
23 No. 53 used, very lightly can.....	6.00
24 No. 50a pair, fine used.....	1.20
25 No. 51 fine used.....	1.75
26 No. 63 unused, no gum.....	.50
27 No. 67 unused, no gum, perf. cut into at right.....	50.00
28 Nos. 68 and 68a two each used and unused.....	4.95
29 No. 69 one used, one unused, no gum	3.25
30 No. 78b used, good.....	.60
31 No. 71 unused, some gum, one used	5.75
32 No. 72 lightly cancelled, good.....	3.50
33 No. 73 blue cancellation.....	.15
34 No. 75 pen can.....	3.50
35 No. 76 unused, no gum, slight tear, used fair.....	4.75
36 No. 77 good used copy.....	.90
37 No. 78 good used copy.....	.60
38 Nos. 80, 87, 88, 88, 80, 90, nice lot lightly can.....	4.60
39 Nos. 92, 93, 94, 90, 97.....	2.85
40 No. 95 slight defect.....	5.00
41 No. 98 unused, no gum, cen. W.....	10.00
42 No. 98 used, centered east.....	1.25
43 No. 100 used perf. cut into at left	4.00
44 No. 96 used pair, freak perf.....	2.00
45 No. 112 unused o. g., fine.....	1.60
46 No. 113 unused o. g., fine.....	1.00
47 No. 114 unused o. g., perf. and imperf. oddity.....	.75
48 No. 115 unused o. g., fine.....	4.00
49 No. 116 used, lightly can, scarce	.85
50 No. 117 unused o. g., fine.....	4.00
51 No. 118 used, very lightly can, nicely centered.....	3.50
52 No. 119 used, very lightly can, nicely centered.....	1.50
53 No. 120 used cen. N. & W.....	5.00
54 No. 121 beautiful used copy.....	3.50
55 No. 122 unused full o. g., cen. N&W	40.00
56 Nos. 112, 114, 115, 117, used, good	2.65
57 No. 113 unused, no gum.....	1.00
58 No. 134 used, corner gone.....	.50
59 Nos. 135, 36, 37, good, used.....	4.25
60 Nos. 145, 49, 50, 51, good, used.....	1.90
61 Nos. 152, 153, used, good.....	2.25
62 Nos. 154, 155, used, good.....	1.85
63 No. 146 unused o. g., fine.....	1.50
64 No. 147 unused o. g., fine.....	2.00
65 No. 148 unused o. g., fine.....	3.50
66 No. 150 unused gum, fine.....	1.00
67 No. 157 unused no gum.....	1.50
68 No. 158 unused o. g., fine.....	1.50
69 No. 159 unused no gum, fine.....	2.00
70 No. 160 used, lightly can, fine.....	.75
71 No. 161a pair, Nos. 162, 163.....	2.01
72 No. 178 unused o. g. cen., W&S	.50
73 No. 179 unused o. g., fine.....	2.50
74 No. 166, unused o. g., fine, perf. cut into S.....	5.00
75 Nos. 182, 185, 187, three copies of 187, used.....	.50
76 Nos. 189, 190 unused o. g., superb	2.60
77 No. 191 unused o. g., creased at S	7.50
78 No. 205 unused o. g., fine.....	.60
79 Nos. 206-7-8-9 o. g., fine unused.....	3.90
80 No. 210, 210a-11, o. g., fine unused.....	.50
81 Nos. 212-13-14-15-16, fine unused o. g.	1.87
82 Nos. 217, 218, unused o. g., fine.....	5.00
83 No. 218 used, fine.....	1.50
84 Nos. 219, 219b, 220, 221, 222, 223 o. g., fine.....	1.13
85 Nos. 224, 225, 226, 227, o. g., fine unused.....	1.25
86 Nos. 228, 229, o. g., fine unused.....	3.00
87 Nos. 246-7-8-9-50-6-7-8-9, unused o. g., fine.....	3.22
88 Nos. 260, 261, o. g., fine.....	3.00
89 Nos. 230 to 238 inc., o. g., fine.....	1.43
90 Nos. 239, 240 o. g., fine.....	1.75
91 No. 241 o. g., fine.....	3.00
92 No. 242 o. g., fine.....	3.00
93 No. 243 o. g., fine.....	5.00
94 No. 252 strip of 3, Pr., 3 single, shades, o. g.....	.48
95 Nos. 264-5-8-9-70-1-2-3 o. g., fine	1.77
96 Nos. 274, 275a o. g., fine.....	3.00
97 No. 276 o. g., fine P. O. state.....	2.00
98 No. 277 o. g., superb.....	4.00
99 No. 278 used, perf. cut into at W	5.00

Lot No.		Cat.
100	Nos. 285-6-7-8-9-0 o. g., fine...	1.20
101	No. 291 o. g., fine	1.00
102	No. 292 o. g., fine	2.50
103	No. 293 o. g., fine	5.00
104	Nos. 279a-80a-81b-82-82b-83-83b-84 o. g., fine	4.00
105	Nos. 294-5-6-7-8-9 o. g., fine	.82
106	Nos. 300 to 309 inc., o. g., fine	1.67
107	Nos. 315 to 322 inc., o. g., fine	1.00
108	Nos. 294 to 299 used, also 220b, 220c	1.08
109	Nos. 300, 314 blks. of 4, fine o.g.	1.08
110	Nos. 335a, 336, 337a, imp. pairs, 323-4-5-6-7 pairs	1.42
111	Canal Zone on U. S., Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, o. g., straight edge also 32, 33, 10 used	2.74
112	No. 500 pt. gum, mar. torn at S	3.50
113	No. 501 fine, no gum	1.00
114	Nos. 502, 503 used, pen can.	1.25
115	No. 506 used, two cor. perfs. miss.	2.50
116	No. 507 used, lightly can.	3.50
117	No. 508 used, lightly can.	4.00
118	Nos. 514-5-6-7 o. g., unused	1.33
119	Nos. 518, 520 o. g., unused	1.25
120	Nos. 519, 520, 521 used, fine	1.63
121	Nos. 522, 523 used, fine	2.75
122	No. 524 straight edge at top	1.50
123	No. 525 unused o. g.	3.00
124	No. 526 pair unused o. g.	1.50
125	No. 527 poor centering, o. g.	2.50
126	No. 528 o. g., fine	3.00
127	No. 529 o. g., fine	3.00
128	530 o. g., fine	6.00
129		
130	500 pen can., good	6.50
131	No. 511 used, creased corner	6.00
132	No. 512 used, one st. edge	12.00
133	No. 540a	1.00
134	Nos. 547, 548a, 550a used	1.30
135	Nos. 549, 551a unused	1.30
136	No. 551a used	.75
137	No. 552 unused	1.50
138	No. 553 unused	1.25
139	No. 554a unused	1.25
140	No. 555 unused	2.50
141	No. 556 used good	1.75
142	No. 557 unused good	5.00
143	No. 558b used good	2.00
144	No. 559a used, blue can.	1.50
145	No. 560 used, good	2.50
146	No. 561 used good	2.00
147	No. 562 unused	4.50
148	No. 563 several cor. perfs. missing used	3.50
149	No. 564 used, good	6.00
150	No. 566 pen can., lightly	20.00
151	No. 534 unused, poor centering	1.25
152	No. 535 blue can.	1.00
153	No. 536 unused, no gum	.75
154	No. 537, used, good	.40
155	No. 538 used, st. edge top	8.50
156	No. 539 unused, fine	2.50
157	No. 540 used, good	1.25
158	No. 541 used perf. cut in at top	2.25
159	No. 542 used, few perfs. clipped	3.00
160	No. 543 used, lightly can.	3.00
161	No. 544 used, st. edge at right	3.00
162	No. 571 unused o. g., fine	1.00
163	No. 572 to 578 used and unused, no 575	1.22
164	No. 575 used, pen can., fine	1.50
165	No. 579 used, perfs. cu. in at S	3.00
166	No. 581 pen can., good	.80
167	No. 627 one used, one unused, 628 & 580-90-1, also 632 used	1.61
168	Nos. 584, 585, 592 used, 587 unused	1.10
169	No. 586 unused	2.00
170	Nos. 1201-3-8-9-10-11	.93
171	No. 1214 used	1.25
172	Nos. 1215-18-20	.80
173	Nos. 1222 to 1228 inc., fine unused	2.08
174	Nos. 1238 to 1244 inc., fine unused but 1240	2.98
175	Nos. 1245 to 1251 all unused	2.11
176	Newspaper Nos. 1005, 1006, unused	1.25
177	" No. 1007 used, 1008 unused	1.70
178	" No. 1011 can., holes	1.00
179	" No. 1012 pen can.	1.50
180	" No. 1013 can., holes, poor	1.50
181	" No. 1014 unused, no gum.	1.50
182	" No. 1032 unused	.25
183	" No. 1020 pen can.	5.00
184	" Nos. 1073-6 o. g., fine	1.25
185	Set as sold by Government, fine	6.50
186	Carrier 1c blue, Red Star can.	2.00
187	Carrier 1c blue, unused	1.00
188	Special Dely Nos. 890-2-3-4-7-91-2-3 unused	1.47
189	One page of blocks, strips and pairs, 1851 to date	2.24
190	1908-9 issue complete, including shades, unused	3.90
191	1910 issue, 1c to 15c unused, fine, special dely, registry, Hudson-Fulton, Alaska, Lincoln	1.30
192	U. S. various issues 1c to 15c	.50
193	Confederate States on covers, No. 204 fine, 206 pr.	3.80
194	N. Orleans No. 109 mrgns. three sides	2.75
195	Confederate States Nos. 207-11-12	1.00
196	U. S. Rev. Nos. 2841b, 2845a, 2848a, 2874a, good	4.00
197	No. 2892 defective	1.00
198	First issue, perf. 1c to 20c, no 6c, good	6.11
199	First issue, perf. 25c to 70c, good	5.45
200	First issue, perf. \$1 to \$3, all but \$1.00, good con. ex. \$1.30	16.25
201	\$3.50 In. Ex., lightly can.	1.50
202	Nos. 2887c, 2888c, 2890 defects	1.30
203	No. 2880, fine	2.50
204	Nos. 2892c, 2893c, 2894, 2895c, fine	4.85
205	No. 2900c sev. perfs. missing S	2.50
206	No. 2901 superb	15.00
207	2nd Issue 1c to 20c, fine	3.50
208	25c, 50c, \$1, 1.50, 2, 2.50, 3.00, fine	4.63
209	3rd Issue complete to \$3.	9.00
210	3rd Issue \$5 ver., \$10 green	3.75
211	Playing Card & Prop. to 10c, 6c, perf.	8.41
212	Prop. 1898-99 Docum.	1.78
213	Antigua No. 3 used, slight defects.	1.25
214	No. 4 used, slight defects.	.25

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215	Nos. 5, 8 used, good	1.35
216	Nos. 7, 11 one st. edge, one def.	2.50
217	Nos. 10, 12, 14	2.60
218	Nos. 13 (2), 16, 17, good	3.35
219	Nos. 18, 19, 20, all unused o.g., fine	7.90
220	Argentine Rep. No. 1 slight tear, No. 2 good, used	2.00
221	No. 3a used, good	1.50
222	Nos. 11, 12, 13 (perfs. clipped)	5.70
223	No. 14 slight nick in side	5.00
224	Nos. 19, 20, 21, 21a, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 34, 35, 36, 37	3.60
225	Nos. 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 52, 53, 54, 56	1.25
226	1888 issue comp. used and un-	2.65
227	1888-80 issue complete to 1 peso, used and unused	2.15
228	1892-98 including centenary	4.25
229	1890 to 1901, 1/2 to 1 peso, used and unused except 10c.	1.60
230	10c orange unused, fine scarce	1.75
231	Austria Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (2), 7 (2), 11, 12, 13	1.45
232	Reprints Nos. 9 & 10, orig. cat.	9.50
233	Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, last two defective, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, used and unused	2.00
234	Nos. 29 to 34, also No. 40, mostly unused, fine, also 41 to 46 used and unused, fine	2.05
235	1890 to 91 used, complete	.85
236	1900 comp., all unused but 4k	2.65
237	Duplicates all issues, used	2.20
238	Newspaper stamps 201, type 1, 2	1.25
239	Reprints of 202, 204, 206, 208	1.10
240	Balance used and unused	.75
241	Tax Stamps	1.00
242	Unpaid also Offices in Turkey	2.15
243	Austria Levant 1867 complete used and unused	1.85
244	1883 to 1900, Nos. 1006 (2)- 9-10-11-14-15-17-20-21-22-23-24- 25-32-33-34-36	1.65
245	Lombardy Venice Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (3)	3.25
246	1858-59, No. 7, one used, one un	2.70
247	1858-59, Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	3.35
248	1863, 15, 16 (defective), 17, 18 (2), 19 (2), and duplicates	6.50
249	Tax Stamps, per. 14 & 9 1/2, Nos. 49 and 50, good	2.05
250	Austria 1904-83 to 99, all unused, fine	1.70
251	Nos. 110 to 123 unused, 124, 125, fine used	2.55
252	Baden Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 used, fine	3.60
253	Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 (last slight defs.)	3.02
254	Nos. 16, 17, 17a	1.25
255	Nos. 19, 20a, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, used & unused, good	6.50
256	No. 25 unused, perfs. cut in at N	3.35
257	Nos. 29, 30 used, 31 unused, good	4.45
258	Bahamas Nos. 12, 12a used, No. 17 unused, fine	5.75
259	17 (2), 14, 15, 19 used and un-	4.45
260	18, 22, 23, 24, used & unused, fine	3.15
261	23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, last pen c.	2.04
262	31 to 30, all unused o.g. fine	4.50
263	Barbadoes Nos. 19 used, No. 20 un-	12.45
264	used, fine	1.35
265	Nos. 50-1-2-3-3a-4-5-6 used and unused, fine lot	2.75
266	Nos. 60(2), 1-2-4-5 used and un-	5.00
267	Nos. 60, 67 unused, fine o.g.	1.75
268	No. 68 used, fine	2.75
269	Nos. 69, 70-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-88 used and unused	2.75
270	No. 78 unused, perfs. cut into at left, o.g.	0.25
271	Nos. 79, 80 to 87, fine o.g., unused Nos. 100 to 106 o.g., fine and duplicates, used and unused, also 107, 112, 113, 114, 115	3.30
272	Bavaria, Nos. 2, 3, 5, 7, 6, 8 used & un-	5.05
273	Nos. 9 to 14 used, good	2.08
274	Nos. 15 to 20 used, good	5.40
275	Nos. 21 to 28, also No. 30, good	1.84
276	No. 31 fine	1.50
277	Nos. 33 (2), 34, 35, 37 used and unused, fine	.84
278	1870 to 1900, 31 different	1.12
279	Tax stamps 102 to 100, 110-11-13	.47
280	Nos. 77 to 86 used, fine	1.45
281	Belgium 1, 2, 6 to 14, also strip 3, used, good	1.85
282	No. 15 London print, good	1.00
283	16 to 20, good	2.30
284	21 to 27, 35 to 45	1.45
285	46 to 58, also No. 60, unused o.g., fine	3.25
286	101 to 107 used and unused, fine	6.45
287	109 to 111, 118 to 21	1.25
288	122-3-4 (2)-5 & unpaid, 181 to 188	3.54
289	Postal Packet used and unused	2.90
290	Bermuda No. 1 unused, No. 2 used, 3 unused, 4 unused	4.85
291	No. 5 used Cen. N & W	2.50
292	No. 14 used, lightly can., few perfs. missing	3.00
293	Nos. 15 to 24	2.85
294	Nos. 1, 1, 3a, 4, 16, 19, 22 used and unused	5.10
295	Nos. 25 to 30, 33, 34, 35 (3), 36, 37 to 41, 39a pr., 42, 46; unused, fine	2.35
296	Bolivia Nos. 2, 10, 15, 16, 20 to 33, 35 to 52, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 70 to 75	5.30
297	Bosnia No. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 27, 22, 30 to 36, 39, 40, 42, fine lot	1.95
298	Brazil Nos. 7, 9, 21, 30, 23, 32, 25, 35, 36	6.25
299	Nos. 37, 38, 30 (repaired), 46 perfs. clipped	5.70
300	53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59 to 62, 64, 65, 67, 68	3.00
301	68 to 78 used and unused	6.85
302	balance 84 different from above, used and unused, fine	13.05
303	Br. Columbia No. 5, been creased, ironed out, poor centered	6.00
304	Nos. 7, 8, 11, 12 unused, poorly centered, 7 & 8 have no gum	13.00
305	Br. Guiana No. 47 unused, slight de-	

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306	fect, 48 used, 49 used, good..	10.50
307	72-3-4-6 used, Nos. 75-7-8-0 unused o. g. inc., all unused o. g., fine	7.97
308	112 to 123, all unused but 112, fine	3.95
309	129 to 146 all unused, fine...	6.00
310	147 to 154, also 173 to 176; o. g. fine	7.77
311	Br. Honduras 8, 13, 14 (2), 15 used and unused	2.60
312	Nos. 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, fine	3.92
313	Nos. 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 37, 43, 44-5-6-8, 56	7.05
314	Duplicates of Nos. 28, 29, 39, 41 used, also Nos. 62-3-4-5-6- 7-8, 73 used and unused, fine	4.92
315	Bulgaria Nos. 1 (2), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, all used but 1	2.32
316	No. 21 used, fine	8.06
317	Nos. 25, 26 (2 each), 28 to 38, 40 to 46, 55, 155, 158-7-9, 60- 1-2-3-6 used and unused, fine.	2.00
318	57 to 66, also 80 to 100 inc., un- used	3.13
319	Canada No. 5, fine margins, used	2.39
320	4, 8 creased, 12 poorly centered	8.00
321	11 poor cen., lightly can.	8.00
322	14, 15, 16a, 18, 19, 20, good...	6.50
323	21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 27a, 31 used and unused	4.21
324	32, 33, 35, 37, 40, 38, 41 to 45, unused, fine	4.65
325	46, 47, 49, 49a unused, fine...	5.24
326	Jubilee 1/2 to 50, all unused, fine	4.25
327	Jubilee 61, 62 used, fine, can. lightly	5.57
328	Jubilee 63, 64, 65 used, fine, can. lightly	2.75
329	Nos. 60, 73, 74 to 81, all o.g., fine	10.50
330	No. 82 pr., 83 to 95, 126-7-8, 151-3-4, 60	2.18
331	Quebec Terren. 90 to 103 inc., o. g. P. O.	7.27
332	Used copies of Nos. 66 to 73, 74 to 80, except Nos. 79, 89 to 94	1.50 state
333	Cape G. Hope Nos. 1 to 6 used, fine	18.25
334	Nos. 17-8-0, 20, good...	1.86
335	Nos. 21 used, 22 unused, fine...	2.37
336	23-4-5-6-9 unused	8.00
337	27-8, 31 unused no gum...	3.18
338	33, 34, 35, 41 to 46 used, 36 un- used, used price...	6.50
339	47 to 71 mostly unused, fine...	3.34
340	Ceylon No. 3 cut close 1 side...	15.00
341	Nos. 23 defective...	11.62
342	No. 45-6-7-9, 60, 52, all used but 45 and 52	1.25
343	Nos. 53, 55 to 58 unused, fine...	1.75
344	Nos. 61 to 73 inc. used and un- used, fine	10.75
345	No. 84 used, 84 unused, good...	23.50
346	Nos. 86-7-9, 93-4-6, 100, 110 used, fine	2.00
347	No. 112 used, fine...	6.37
348	Nos. 114 (2), 115-16-19-20-21- 26, used and unused	1.75
349	Nos. 128 to 131-3-4-5-6-8 (2), 140 (2), 142 (2), 141 (2) 5 to 150 used and unused, nice lot	6.84
350	No. 151 fine unused o. g.	3.16
351	No. 155 fine unused o. g.	2.30
352	Nos. 152-7-8-0-3, 160-1, 154, 162-3 unused o. g., fine	2.00
353	Nos. 311-12-14 used, 196 to 174 No. 175 unused o. g., fine	4.75
354	Nos. 178 to 183, mostly used, fine lot	1.67
355	Chili No. 11, 12, 13 used, good...	1.75
356	Nos. 15 to 38 used and unused, fine lot	3.90
357	37 var. used and unused, differ- ent from above	5.35
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ing and chronicling a thousand things absolutely worthless to preserve one of value. But all that belongs to a complete bibliography.

I cannot look upon my copy of "History of the Postage Stamps of the United States," by J. K. Tiffany, without bitterness of heart. It was sold to me for a "first," at a goodly price. A first, in the strict sense of the term, it is not,—or at least not according to the Lord Crawford catalogue, which conveys the information that a genuine first has a paper cover, and also a portrait different from that in the extended volume of later date. I have both editions in cloth bindings. The only recompense I have is that when this paper is read by one man he will appreciate why I no longer call him friend; for he knew.

Let me not forget my copy of the "Revenue Stamps of the United States," issued by the Boston Philatelic Society. It has served me well and faithfully, although it will not chronicle my one cent proprietary, first issue, imperforate.

Quite the finest thing in ornate typography is Walter Clarke Bellow's "Campeche: Some Notes on the Most Remarkable Postage Stamp Ever Issued." The volume is in folio, the paper deckle edges with the letter press and illustrations on separate sheets, pasted in. It is a most artistic and quite unique bit of book-making. Of this edition one hundred copies were printed, Mine is No. 53. My copy is enriched by a card from the friend who presented the volume, as well as a letter signed by the author. The card reads as follows:

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Other things there are,—books, brochures, periodicals,—but these enumerated are dearest to me of all, and so I set them forth that others may perchance find one or two titles that will aid them to possess a volume of real worth in one's philatelic journey.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

UNITED STATES VARIATIONS.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

Recently in examining a considerable number of United States stamps of the issue of 1851-57 for a St. Louis specialist, I found a 1 cent, perforated, which showed very plainly an inverted double transfer. Whether the stamp is type I or type II I am not certain, for the reason that the perforations cut into the design somewhat at the bottom. From its general characteristics, however, I believe it was printed from the type I transfer. In the lower label, with value, appears strong marks of the ornaments at the top of the stamp. These lines are far more distinct than in any of the stamps containing the double transfers I have seen.

It is well known that reversed double transfers occur in this issue. The manner in which it occurred is as follows: The plate maker started the transfer roll out of position. When he discovered his mistake he turned the plate over, with its face upon a flat surface, and hammered the back until the sunken lines had been removed—as he supposed. Then he shifted ends with the plate and proceeded to finish it. The first marks had not been entirely removed, and the traces remained. I have seen the stamp with "thorn" near the ear, showing the reverse, but the one just discovered is a new one to the writer.

When the office mail was delivered a few days ago one letter was "received in bad condition." It was sealed with a blue official seal of the postoffice. I was about to throw it away, having a number of these seals among my duplicates. To my surprise I noticed that this seal was rouletted vertically and perforated horizontally. I hastened to the postoffice to find others, but was disappointed. All of the seals to be found in the postal station were rouletted both horizontally and vertically. Has anyone found the part perf—part roulette as described? I would like to know more

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about it, and whether it is scarce or common, in that form.

Speaking of official seals, a friend in Pennsylvania has recently presented me with an oddity for my collection. It is the current blue seal, with double impression. The two impressions are about 1 mm. apart, and the lines are almost entirely obliterated. This has gone into my collection among a considerable number of other stamps sent me with the donor's compliments, in appreciation of the writings I have been "guilty of" in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

The writer has frequently been in-
formed that "experts" have knowledge
of secret signs in the stamps of 1870-71
by which they can tell the genuine
grilles, and that counterfeit grille can
be discovered by the absence of these
marks. I have seen an article written
by an expert, or specialist, that to the
practiced eye the condition of the print
of the stamp was an infallible test of
genuineness or the reverse, in that the
genuine grille was applied to stamps
printed from new plates. The above
statements, I am satisfied, are wrong in
the main. There are no "secret marks"
which would separate the grille stamps
from the ungrilled ones, as the stamps
with and without grilles were printed
from the same plates. Bogus grilles
could be manufactured upon stamps
showing no wear on the plates, for the
reason that the first stamps printed in
all denominations were not grilled.
The first stamps printed by the National
Bank Note Company were without
grilles, the embossing being applied
later. This much I have learned from
my own exhaustive study of the stamps
of 1870-71.

KNICK-KNACKS.

"I have decided to collect all the
stamps of the world," says a reader who
should leave a few for the rest of us.

"I read that one should take the new
issues up to the pound but I thought
only stray dogs and such things were
taken there," gurgles Embossed Emil.
Do you hear the patter of the rain,
Emil?

How many dairy farms are the
original of that depicted on the fifty-
cent Parcel Post? Replies will be
fully tabulated, as the auctioneer says.

"What is the capital of Zululand?"
was a question that stumped all the
members at a recent Chicago Philatelic
Society meeting. If we thought that
all our readers did not know off-hand,
we should tell.

"Philately is taking an up-shoot,"
says a writer who evidently thinks he
is reporting a ball-game.

Says a scribe of the saccharine
school: "To me my stamps are very
dear." He should see what they are to
a stamp dealer.

"I was looking over an approval sheet
on the door-step on a sunny morning
recently and left the stamps for a mo-
ment while I did an errand. When I
returned, I found that those stamps that
the chickens had not swallowed, they
had pecked to pieces. What am I to
do?" asks a rural reader. Ask the
dealer if he will take chickens in pay-
ment.

"What I like about stamps is their
variousness," chirps a reader, who
should not forget their variegatedness
as well.

A new stamp society has been started
with ten officers and one member and
the first business transacted was the
exemption of officers from the payment
of dues.

Truly, philately is becoming a com-
plicated study, as we notice that a
critic speaks of "colors and near
colors."

"Philately sounds good to me," de-
clares an ardent devotee but the trouble
is that it is pronounced in so many dif-
ferent ways.

Old Doc Dodder says that the true
inwardness of certain stamps is seen
at a glance. Yep, Doc, those with thin
spots.

OUR REVIEW.

British Postage Paid Stamps—an
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prehensive little work of over forty
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the introduction, Mr. Hartree has fully
explained the kind and character of the
postage paid impressions and the page
after page of fac-similes of the post
pays show the varieties. The similarity
of the British post paid to our "Per-
mits" will be remarked; and we can
appreciate the spirit that impels col-
lectors in increasing numerical strength
to interest themselves in these im-
pressions. Indeed, we admit that there
must be a fascination attending the
gathering of these markings. From the
foreword of the book, we learn that for
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Drawing It Fine.—The authorities are particularly zealous in enforcing the law prohibiting the reproduction of any postal certificate in fac-simile or similitude. From time to time, instances go in compelling the observance of the letter of the law are given in the press and commented upon with some amusement by collectors. The instance of the destruction of the plates of the New York Exhibition stamps is fresh in the minds of all philatelists. Recently, the Sherman House, Chicago, issued for artistic and advertising purposes, a handsome bi-colored commemorative label of which we shall have more to say next week; and while the exacting governmental critics could cite no valid objection to the elegant and elaborate design, yet they suggested that the stamps not be perforated so as to remove any similarity to the real postage stamps. So, while a few of the labels in question were perforated the ones that are now being distributed are rouletted.

In Ward Thirteen.—Said the Attendant at the Asylum for the Addled: "Yes, they brought in a chap this morning but he seems mild enough and I do not look for any trouble in handling him. For one thing he is a gentleman but it seems that his grey matter be-

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came gummed up over stamps or rather as he says, the symbolism of stamps. He takes a plain, ordinary stamp and will point out some little curly-cue in the design and say that it represents the secret history of the corrupt court of Cobbitch. If it happens to be a triangle, he will say that one side means something very mysterious; the second, an unknown power and the last side, a lost element and that taken all together, the triangle signifies that in 1922 the Zulus will seize Scotland. He asked me if I could see a dot on another stamp and when I imagined that I could, he said that it was a symbol denoting a submerged continent; and when I asked him why they did not raise it, he said, sober-like that if they did its inhabitants would over-run the world and make slaves of philatelists. The simplest line on a stamp has a wonderful meaning for him and he insists upon sharing his knowledge with any one who approaches. I suppose that his relatives really got tired of having him around and you cannot blame them very much."

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Good for Him.—Count Lapp De Booz is speaking: "I had penetrated into the forbidden country of Pypan in quest of a new species of shell that I suspected was to be found on the shores of Lotus Lake when I was waylaid by the fanatical natives and borne to the court of the Kaduff. The Kaduff leered at me from his gem-studded throne and stroking his huge pet tiger, he said with rare insouciance: 'The white stranger has come and we shall take him in or rather, Mopso will. If, within the hour the stranger does not perform some startling feat or produce evidence to prove the boasted superiority of the white race, Mopso will dine on succulent white meat.' I was a bit surprised to hear the Kaduff address me in English and I said: 'What would you have me do, your dazzling dizziness?' 'Make me a likeness of Mopso, without using any tool or color,' said he with a sudden conceit and he laughed harshly as he thought of the seeming impossibility of the task. I was lead away to a solitary cell and dejectedly, I reached for my little book of duplicates for a last look at my beloved stamps. The first specimen to greet my eyes was one of the Perak tiger heads and I knew that I was saved. The court in full panoply has assembled to witness my discomfiture and death and Mopso was licking his chops in fond anticipation. With a deep salaam, I presented the stamp, the first ever seen in Pypan, on a golden salver. 'Great Jibboom,' exclaimed the Kaduff, 'surely this is black

magic,' and he gazed transfixedly at the stamp with the perfect picture of his tiger, which was now snarling loudly because his prey had slipped through his cruel claws. The royal entourage was at my disposal now and I was showered with gems. Despite the entreaties of the Kaduff, who was not a bad fellow after you got to know him, I departed from Pypan, leaving no address, once I had enriched conchology with the discovery of the new shell. Who will blame me now for rather fancying the tiger head stamps?"

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No Chance.—The bill prepared by a representative at Washington having for its object the substitution of ordinary postage stamps for the parcel post issue has little likelihood of a favorable reception as the special stamps are employed not for effect but because it is necessary to classify fourth class matter unmistakably for accounting purposes. It indeed would be ironical if the parcel post stamps were removed in favor of the regular stamps after the department had gone to extraordinary lengths to prepare them on comparatively short notice.

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Something to Think About.—That the Goodwin articles have stimulated interest in United States stamps must be admitted and the way has been shown by Mr. Goodwin to individual study of the stamps of our country. Mr. Goodwin, enthusiastic in his regard for United States stamps hastens to share the results of his application with all collectors, thereby setting an example that should prompt emulation by those who advisedly are authorities on the stamps. Mr. Goodwin has opinions of his own and reading his manuscript on the thirty-cent, black, 1870 type, we find that he says that soft porous paper was used by the Continental Bank Note Company in 1878, as well as by the American Bank Note Company in 1879 and later. He bases his contention on postmarked copies showing the year 1878 plainly enough that undeniably are on soft paper but even so, there are some skeptics who can prove that the year printed in a postmark is not always wholly to be relied upon. It would be interesting to have confirmatory evidence of some other nature, in addition.

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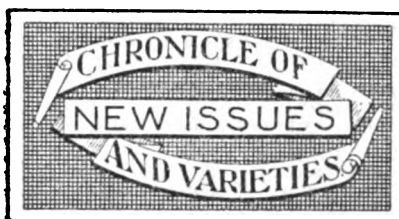
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AUSTRALIA.—Ewen's Weekly chronicles another value in the "Kangaroo" set.

Adhesive.

2½d deep bronze blue.

Ewen's correspondent says that the stamps are almost universally condemned; the design is too much like a cotton manufacturer's reel label, or in fact any trade label. Also the paper is thin with little gum, and the colours weak (except the 2½d value). It is hard to sever the stamps without mutilating them; the sheets (of 240) are clumsy, in fact some of the Post Office officials call it "wall paper."

Yet according to the following letter to the *British Australasian* it would appear that some (a few) are satisfied with the new issue. The voice of the crowd unfortunately goes against them:—

"I was astonished to read your remarks concerning the new Australian stamp in your last issue under the heading 'A Shocking Stamp,' for I have heard nothing but complimentary remarks from my Australian friends on this side, both as regards the design and colour of the new penny stamp. Personally I find it very attractive, and the clearness and simplicity of the design is in pleasing contrast to the grotesque and laboured detail of the majority of postage stamps, or the shocking portraits which appear on some of them. The national ideal of a White Australia, and the Kangaroo, which is inalienably associated with our country, are most happily combined, on a stamp of not too startling colour, in such a manner that the country and the ideal are recognised at a glance. As to your assertion that the design has not a single friend, I venture to say that if you make further enquiries you will find a majority of Australians in London who approve and admire the new stamp."

AUSTRIA.—Ewen's Weekly is informed that the 5h, 12h and 25h have been issued on ordinary paper, have been placed on sale at the General Post

Office, Vienna, March 22. The 5h and 12h are unchanged in color, but the 25h is now issued in pale ultramarine, instead of dark blue.

Maury's Collectionneur reports the issue of a 72h value in the design of the 50h of 1908, and reports that the 6h will appear in yellow bistre, the 10h will be changed from rose to carmine, while the 50h will be suppressed altogether.

Adhesives.

6h bistre yellow.
10h carmine.
25h pale ultramarine.
72h violet brown.

BELGIUM.—Maury's Collectionneur reports that the 2fr value has been issued with the larger portrait of the king.

ECUADOR.—Lemaire's Journal says that the 3c of 1907, with portrait of Gen. Robles has been issued with modified frame.

Adhesive.

3c orange and black.

CEYLON.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 5r and 10r values of the new set. The 20r, 50r, 100r and 500r have also been issued, but probably for revenue purposes only.

Adhesives.

5r black and green.
10r purple and black on red.

FRENCH COLONIES.—The *Bulletin Philatelique* says that the stamps surcharged for Madagascar, Mayotte, Anjouan, Grand Comore and Moheli, which were part of the 108 surcharges issued in November last, were not lost at sea, as stated by another journal. All the stamps were in the Treasury at Tananarive February 1. The same journal says that it is strongly proposed to go through the same operation of surcharges for the stamps of French Oceania and French West Africa when the new stamps have appeared. "We expect, then," says Maury's Collectionneur, "to see shortly a surcharge on the cap of Faidherbe or on the cranium of Balley; that will be, perhaps not very respectful!"

INDIA.—Kishengarh.—Maury's Collectionneur chronicles a provisional stamp of the value of 2 annas, lithographed by native printers. The portrait of the Rajah is turned three-quarters to the left and printed in an oval surrounded with branches of foliage. The frame is rectangular, the inscriptions reading, "Kishengarh State—Postage & Revenue—Two Anna," in both English and native characters. The stamps are printed in small sheets of 20 stamps, in four rows of five stamps, and are rouletted.

Provisional Adhesive.

2a violet.

Soruth.—Maury's Collectionneur reports the issue of two provisionals for this state, the 1a and 4a stamps of 1886 having been overprinted with new values in black.

Provisional Adhesives.

"3 Pies" on 1a green.
"1 Anna" on 4a red.

JAPAN.—Maury's Collectionneur says that the Japanese Government proposes to issue the new stamps in August. Prizes of 50, 100 and 200 yen have been offered for the best designs. The higher values are to be printed in two colors. The stamps will bear the Imperial insignia, the chrysanthemum flower.

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There has already been issued a stamp of 10c of the form of the Express stamp for the Pneumatic Post.

NETHERLANDS.—For the first time in its history Holland is to have a set of official stamps. The current ½c, 1c, 1½c, 2c, 2½c, 3c, 5c and 10c stamps are to be surcharged "Armenwet" for use in connection with the administration of the pauper law. The stamps will not be placed on sale.

PANAMA.—According to Maury's Collectionneur, the Congress of Panama has authorized the issue of a special stamp of 2½ cents, September 25, 1913, in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific Ocean by Balboa.

RUSSIA.—The following is translated from *Lemaire's Journal*: By decree of February 7, the sale of the stamps commemorative of the third centenary of the Romanof Dynasty was suspended in all the Postoffices of the Empire. This unexpected measure caused a profound sensation in all classes, and they pretended that it was brought about by the protestations of the Holy Synod and the intimate advisers of the Emperor, who were unable to resign themselves to the idea of having the august portraits blotted out by the postal employees. They related also the emotion of the fanatical peas-

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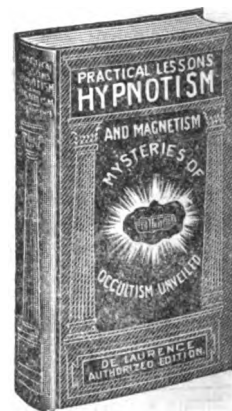
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

A Paper Chase—The students of paper of United States stamps are hard at it and the controversy over recent so-called laid paper varieties attracts attention to other paper variants. Give us laid paper as in the one and three cent, 1861, laid paper, in the subsequent stamps and then there will be no need to strain the imagination in attempting to justify their "laid" paper. Double paper is coming in for notice and we had the privilege of proving the existence of double paper in the National issue, 1870, by submitting an admitted six-cent National, double paper, used on envelope, plainly dated, for Mr. Luff's examination. Before Mr. Luff had seen this six cent, he had spoken of a twenty-four National on double paper but the evidence presented by the specimen was not wholly conclusive as the stamp was a somewhat defective specimen and was detached from cover. Our six cent, which is now in the Worthington collection, decided the question. In any discussion of double paper, it should be said that the printed impression sometimes falls on the thicker paper of the two layers.

Escapes Again—Count Lapp De Booz is speaking: "I had worked out an intricate astronomical problem and had demonstrated to my own satisfaction that a new star would make its appear-

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ance at a certain longitude and latitude; and so, with my instruments, I sailed for the given point, which proved to be an island that had never before been sighted by civilized eye. I soon found that the island was inhabited by a strange race of people, unknown to anthropologists, with heads like turtles; and while engrossed in my work, I was made a prisoner and conducted to the chief. Through an interpreter who had been in one of the shows at Coney Island, the king asked what I was doing in his country. I said that I was hunting a star. His next question was whether I had found it and I replied affirmatively. 'Where is it?' persisted he and I rejoined that I would show it to him that very evening. In high dudgeon, his majesty swore by the great loggerhead that if I did not show it to him within five minutes, they would bite my head off. Realizing my plight, I turned to my little duplicate book of stamps to give them a fond farewell. Pensively, I examined an early South Australia and I noticed that its watermark was a very plain and deep star. Eagerly, I hurried to the royal presence and with a flourish, I hand old Snapper the stamp, face downward, saying the while, 'Here is the star that I found.' Instantly, a roar of excitement arose and much affected, the king proclaimed me his successor to the throne. However, the place soon palled on me and it was not long before I was here announcing my new star. You will admit perhaps that I have some reason to say that in philately the study of watermarks has its place."

The First—In the death of Otto W. Brodie, the young aviator of Chicago, the aeroplane has exacted a heavy toll, as those who knew the twenty-six year old flyer will sadly testify. Mr. Brodie was the first aviator to deliver parcel post packages with his machine and immediately upon the establishing of the parcel post service, he was authorized to deliver packages from Cicero to Argo, Illinois.

In Ward Thirteen—Said the attendant at the Asylum for the Addled: "That last chap who was brought in sticks around all the time and I wish that he would soon be well enough to go. I wish Doc would not take such cases but as he says, he is the doctor. His trouble? O, didn't I tell you that he is a stamp collector who became to attach so much importance to original gum that his wits were all gummed up and he wouldn't take a stamp that had no stickum on the back? His mind dwelled more and more on the gum side of the stamp and it was not long before he had forgotten all about the stamp in his great interest in gum. Finally, he got so stuck on gum that he just began to buy all kinds of it and yes, he even went so far as to include glue and everything else that was sticky. Then, he would sit and gloat over the stuff and instead of saying that he had so many stamps in his collection as you fellows do, this jingle bell would tell everybody how many different kinds of gum he had. Sure, his folks thought it time to interfere; that's why he is here. I wish

that some one would melt old Reuben Glue so that he would run away from here."

In The Encyclopaedia—Mr. Edgar S. Bissinger, San Francisco, California, writes: "The following is a little information that I received from the 1910 edition of Encyclopaedia Britannica. I refer all dealers and collectors to Volume 22, Pages 175-196 of this great piece of literature." Mr. Bissinger's quotations cover topics such as: Universal Postal Union; Postmaster-Generals, and Rates of Postage. One may gather many fugitive bits of information about postal affairs and progress from a work of the kind.

Private Labels—Joseph Beifeld, President, Hotel Sherman Company, Chicago, true to his instincts as a pioneer philatelist has issued a beautiful stamp, as we mentioned last week, to commemorate the Hotel Sherman. In fact with the different colors, there are six varieties of the striking bicolored label, five of which are rouletted and one perforated. The form of advertising that Mr. Beifeld is indulging in is a rather expensive one but then, we surmise that an element of pride marks the enterprise. When asked for details of the idea and origin of the issue, Mr. Beifeld said: "I have no other explanation to offer for the inception of the Hotel Sherman stamp than 'once a stamp collector, always a lover of stamps.' It occurred to me one day that the Hotel Sherman being named for two great men such as General William T. Sherman and the Honorable John Sherman, it would be appropriate to issue a commemorative stamp bearing their portraits. This was done and I had the Western Bank Note Company do the engraving." The stamps are large oblongs in shape and bear the two Sherman portraits in gray-black and are line-engraved in the best style of the art. A further description of the label is not given for a reason that is disclosed in the following paragraph.

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219 • Cuba Collection of 227 var. and 11 dups., 114 are used.....	64.72
242 • Philippine Collection of 160 var. and 9 shades, 81 are used.....	79.89
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249 • Argentine Collection of 89 var. and 10 dups., 16 are unused.....	28.63
250 • Austria Collection of 188 var., 26 unused.....	30.16
259 • Brazil Collection 104 var., 33 unused	39.14
261 • Colombian Republic Collection 156 var., 50 unused.....	63.25
262 • Cauca, 1882, 5c, No. 2, fine.....	158.00
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244 lots of this sale are U. S. and Colonies, 595 lots Gt. Britain and Colonies, various lots of Cape of Good Hope triangular, Sydney Views, Two Sicilies "Bomba Heads", some Philatelic Literature, Collections, Wholesale lots etc. A good sale for everybody. Mail your bids early.

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THREE NOTICES OF REMOVAL.

H. Wesley Legg removed to Pepperell, Mass., May 1, where he may be addressed during the summer months.

We also note the change of address of E. H. Gammans, Jr., who has moved his entire stock from 61 Nassau St., N. Y. City, to his office at Newark, N. J. Mr. Gammans has used the WEEKLY quite regularly during the past winter and expresses himself well satisfied with the patronage secured.

Mr. Ohlman announces his removal to larger quarters at 77 Nassau St., N. Y. City. Mr. Ohlman is making a success of his stamp business and the WEEKLY has been a no small factor in it. He announces an auction sale in June.

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CHAPTER XXXVII.

30 Cents, Issue of 1870-79.

A postage stamp which has not had its full amount of proper attention is that sober, sombre looking one, denomination of 30 cents, which kept its place with the lower values of the issue of 1870-79. It is not a hard stamp to get in good to fine condition; and in condition to give opportunity for study, they are fairly common. Usually, two or three copies will be the maximum number which will be found in the average collection of the specialist.

Like the three lower values which have just been studied—the 12c, 15c and 24c, it is rather hard to say whether it was first issued grilled, or without grille, or if both varieties were issued about the same time. There is a marked absence of the stamps showing year date, and few are found upon covers bearing date, so that it is a difficult matter to determine when the stamps without grille, and with grille, were issued. I am inclined to the belief that the stamps without grille were the first to go to the public.

For the sake of uniformity I will undertake the study of the stamps with grille first. I have been unable to determine when the earliest grilled stamps were used. Three sizes of grilles have been noted:

Size.	Points.
9x12	11x15
10x12	13x15
10x12 1/2	13x16

Mr. Luff accords but one shade to this stamp—full black. I have a second distinct shade (as such distinctions run) it being a dull black, and not as deep as the usual color. Nor is it the gray black found in the stamps without grille. The only variety is the end roller grille.

The commonest stamp—which shows no grille, was issued about June 1st, 1870. This was printed from Plate Number 22. This plate was used by both the National Bank Note Company and the Continental Bank Note Company, and for a time by the American Bank Note Company. Between April, 1870, and April 1873, the National Bank Note Company delivered 863,543 stamps, according to the records.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Alvah Davison sending us a check for ten years' renewal of subscription adds, "I hope to again renew." We hope so too. The word comes to us upon a card showing a picture of the Davison family in Mr. Davison's auto, underneath which is the inscription "In Northern New Jersey."

—The Dayton P. O. was inundated to a depth of about eight feet on the main floor (in addition to a six feet foundation) resulting in the loss of about 20,000 pieces (estimated) of mail and several thousand dollars worth of stamps and stamped envelopes. The thick mud and three days' soaking made it impossible to handle or decipher the mail and it was found necessary to destroy same in the office furnace. The Mercantile Corporation, manufacturers of the government stamped envelopes and papers, located about a mile from the post office, was also flooded and the inspectors are now busy ascertaining the government's loss on the stock on hand. The Friend Paper Company, manufacturers of the paper used in the government envelopes, and located at West Carrollton, a small mill town eight miles down the valley from Dayton, was also flooded, so that it is very likely that other paper will have to be used on the government products temporarily.—JOHN H. CHAMBERS.

—The Springfield Stamp Club visited Hartford, Monday evening, April 21, as guests of the Collectors Club of

When the Continental Bank Note Company took over the contract, in 1873, it used the National Plate, and no secret mark has ever been discovered, although an engraver employed by the concern, it is said, has positively stated that such a mark was inserted. This is not likely so, as it would have been engraved into the die, probably, and so far as is known the Continental Bank Note Company did not make any new plate.

Mr. Luff classifies the stamps in these shades: gray black, greenish black.

Two varieties have been seen—on double paper and on ribbed paper. Both are extremely scarce varieties.

Between April, 1873, and December 31, 1879, there were delivered 1,911,170 stamps.

It has been said that the American Bank Note Company used the National Plates upon which to print the stamps which are found upon soft papers. I am inclined to think that this is not so, although I have no proof that my contention is correct. It is known that the soft papers were employed by the Continental Bank Note Company, late in 1878, before it consolidated with the American Bank Note Company. This has been proven by finding stamps of several denominations plainly postmarked 1878, which are printed upon soft paper. I am inclined to think that the stamps printed on soft paper, from the National plate, in shades of gray black and greenish black, were so printed by the Continental Bank Note Co., and not by the American.

When the consolidation took effect, and the new company—the American Bank Note Company took over the contract, a new plate was made. It is number 405. The stamps printed from this were in full black shade only. I have no record of the number printed.

For the Centennial exposition in 1876 this stamp was included in the reissue. It was printed upon the thin white paper which characterizes the entire series of reprint and reissues. The shade was greenish black, and 10,000 were printed. Later 500 more were made, making 10,500 in all. Of these only 179 were sold. There were 10,321 returned or on hand, and these were destroyed. The shade of the reissue is greenish black.

(To be continued.)

the latter city, and were given a most cordial greeting. The Hartford Club, now numbering nearly fifty members, is located in new and commodious rooms at 42 Lewis St. The members were celebrating their fifth anniversary. In the Springfield contingent were Messrs. Stone, Champayne, Prevost, Oppenheimer and other veteran collectors. There were refreshments galore and the visitors talked stamps, swapped stamps and departed on the midnight express with pockets full of stamps.

—William Corey suggests that the postmark "P. B." referred to in the WEEKLY April 5 means "parcel box." Mr. Corey has an envelope bearing the letters "D. I. P. B." which no doubt mean "dropped in parcel box" explanatory of the delay in mailing the letter.

—Walter D. Grout of Worcester was a recent caller at the WEEKLY office.

—George S. Chapman sends us a copy of the order of the Postmaster General announcing the fact that fourth class mail reaching the office of address with ordinary stamps or parcel post due stamps affixed, and mail of other classes reaching the office of address with full postage affixed in parcel post stamps, shall be delivered to the addressee without additional charge.

—Dr. C. F. Roh, Garrison, Nebr., desires the address of the collector who wrote him in connection with the German aviation card cancelled "Flugpost."

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" " 2sh (112).....	.30	2.25
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still working on it and that it will be published as soon as possible. Those who have not yet sent in their names should do so at once, as I would like to get the directory as complete as it can be made.—E. W. HEUSINGER, San Antonio, Tex.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from C. W. Kline, Jr.

—Members of the Rochester Philatelic Association again congregated April 23rd, at the Club Rooms. The main business of the evening was starting the Sales and Exchange Circuits in operation. President Richardson showed a collection of Denmark that took the blue ribbon when he was connected with the Richmond County Philatelic Association. A beautiful imperforate block of four \$20 Conveyance was displayed by one of the members and many rare blocks of U. S. were shown by Dr. French.

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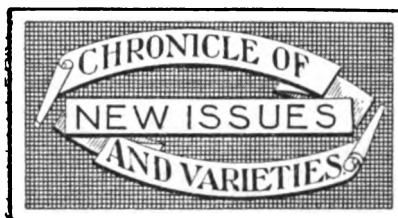
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge reports the following new precancels:

Racine, Wis.—(No. 1153.) 1c and 2c, 1913, Parcel Post.

Paradise, Pa.—(1164.) Two lines (PARADISE—PA.). 1c, 1910.

Buffalo, N. Y.—(1164.) 10c, 1913, Parcel Post.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Two line (Philadelphia—Pa.) horizontal inscription in sans serif capitals, between double bars 1 mm. apart, ¾ mm. thick, 10½ mm. between inside bars. 1c, 1912.

St. Louis, Mo.—(No. 1162.) 4c, 1910.

Chicago, Ill.—(No. 1157.) 5c, 1910, upper a hair line.

Mr. Eldredge also shows us one of the current 2c envelopes, with the stamp so badly inked as to be nearly illegible. The color shows up strongly on the inside of the envelope, also.

George Story Chapman has shown us a 2c wrapper of the current issue, on which the point of the bust at the back touches the inner oval line. Also a current 3c stamp with a pronounced offset, so that the design is plainly to be seen on the back.

AUSTALIA.—W. H. Peckitt shows us the 2½d, 4d, 5d and 1sh values of the Kangaroo set, already chronicled.

AUSTRIA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the new 72h stamp chronicled in No. 1165.

CANADA.—The Canadian Post Office authorities seem to have given considerable latitude to the promoters of town and provincial affairs. Some time since we mentioned those for Hamilton, Ottawa and Brandon. Frank B. Eldredge sends us further specimens to advertise various coming events at Brockville, Edmonton and London.

CANAL ZONE.—H. F. Christensen has shown us the new printing of the surcharge on the 5c of the current issue, similar to the 2c noted in No. 1149. The spacing is slightly wider and the "C" of "Canal" is minus the serif at the bottom.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—W. H. Peckitt also sends us the four values of the King George set, previously chronicled.

CHINA.—The Imperial stamps with Republic surcharge Waterloo print, are still coming out, the latest being the 10c ultramarine surcharged in red, which has been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. We have been shown also the 5c with the same surcharge by W. H. Peckitt.

CUBA.—L. L. Albright Co. has shown us a cover from Holguin, Cuba, franked with a 2c stamp cut from a Cuban envelope of the current series.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Offices in the Levant.—W. H. Peckitt has shown the 5d King Edward stamp overprinted "2 Piastres," in the new type, for use in the Levant.

GRENADA.—W. H. Peckitt sends us the full set of King George stamps, as previously chronicled.

INDIA.—Soruth.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the two provisionals noted in No. 1165. The overprint is in two lines, the new value being printed in both English and native characters.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—George Story Chapman has shown us a copy of the King George 3d stamp, which has a broken "d" following the figure of value.

PARAGUAY.—H. Cormack shows the first copies we have seen of the 10c and 20c values of the new postage set chronicled in No. 1159. The design shows a rayed star, encircled by a wreath and a circular band inscribed "Republica del Paraguay." "Union Postal Universal" runs across the stamp just under the wreath. The value in figures appearing in tablets in the lower corners, with "Centavos" between. The stamps are perforated 11½. The colors were correctly stated in No. 1159.

SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 6a value in the new King George set.

Adhesive.
6a purple and green.

ST. VINCENT.—W. H. Peckitt sends us the 2sh and 5sh values in the new set.

TURKEY.—The new set of stamps for the Ottoman Empire has also been shown us by W. H. Peckitt.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

KNICK-KNACKS.

"Some stamps in my book are alive with interest to me and others are dead," says a writer who should fill a morgue as well as a stamp-album.

"At times my mind is hinged to my stamps more securely than at others," avers a quill-driver who means apparently that now and then his mind is unhinged.

The stamp with "back rubbed" can pity the stamp with "face skinned" in the stamp auction catalogue.

"I shall answer the call to battle whether it be in dewy morn or drowsy night. Gladly will I be a general in the army of fair Philatelia's protectors, and meanwhile, I sleep on my arms," writes a hectic reader. Turn over; and anyway, all the generals' berths are taken although there is room for a few privates.

Some one says that he proposes to inject philately into the veins of the public. Another of those serum cures, no doubt.

A very embarrassing incident was witnessed at the meeting of the stamp society the other evening. A visitor tried to say something about stamps but he soon noticed his mistake.

"I wish to dedicate my days to philately. Could there be a nobler ambition than to preach philately from the mountain top?" asks a frenzied friend. Get down to earth.

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"Are onion skin hinges always peelable?" chirps Embossed Emil. Fear not, Emil, it is a friend who calls.

Ganymedes bit his finger nails when he noticed that a stamp-collector carried his benzine cup with him on his travels.

Old Doc Dodder says that he can not tell who gets the more pleasure out of stamps—the fellow who is always singing their praise or the chap who seems to have a standing grievance against philately.

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10r yellow green, No. 40.....	.02
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1892, 1c black on blue, No. 1.....	.01
2c brown on buff, No. 2.....	.01
AZORES —	
1894, 5r orange, No. 65.....	.04
1906, 2½r gray, No. 101.....	.01
10r yellow green, No. 108.....	.03
25r carmine, No. 105.....	.02
50r ultramarine, No. 106.....	.04
BARBADOS —	
1882-85, 4d brown, No. 65.....	.06
1892, ½d on 4d brown, No. 60.....	.08
1892-96, 2½d ultramarine, No. 73.....	.02
HONDURAS —	
1898, 1c brown, No. 108, used or unused	.02
2c deep rose, No. 104.....	.02
6c lilac, No. 106.....	.03
1903, 1c emerald green, No. 111.....	.01
10c brown, No. 115.....	.03
1907, 1c green, No. 119.....	.02
2c rose, No. 120.....	.02
5c blue, No. 121.....	.01
6c purple, No. 122.....	.02
10c brown, No. 123.....	.02
ITALY —	
1903, Special Delivery, 25c rose, No. 95	.03
1903-04, Post. Due, 100 lire blue, No. 182	.12
NEW SO. WALES —	
1882-88, 5d dark blue green, No. 65....	.05
1888-89, 8d red violet, No. 81.....	.12
SALVADOR —	
1906, 1c green and black, No. 336....	.02
2c carmine and black, No. 337....	.02
3c yellow and black, No. 338....	.02
5c ultramarine and black, No. 339....	.02
1c green and black, No. 355....	.02
1907, 1c green and black, No. 358....	.02
2c red and black, No. 357....	.02
3c yellow and black, No. 359....	.02
5c ultramarine and black, No. 359....	.02
6c vermilion and black, No. 361....	.04
12c violet and black, No. 361....	.02
1909, 1c green and black, No. 369....	.02
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COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

MEDFORD, ORE., 4-15-13.

TO THE EDITOR:—

I notice that you are anxious to receive "Kicks, Comments and Compliments." Here is my "Kick." I do not get the WEEKLY often enough. It ought to come twice a week.

Here is my "Komment." I wonder why the United States Government puts sixteen spokes in the front wheel of the Rural mail delivery wagon and only fourteen spokes in the hind wheel. I am talking about the Parcel Post stamp of the 4c denomination.

I have been counting spokes in wheels lately and I find that sixteen is about the right number. What kind of a rig is this anyway? It seems as though the hind wheel, if there is to be a difference, should be the one to have the greater number of spokes.

My "Komment" is that MEKEEL'S is somewhat like our beloved George Washington, "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of stamp collectors." (Philatelists, I believe they are termed sometimes.)

On the Coast here we have a monthly (Everybody's) that we also feel interested in, and I am glad that there seems to be a feeling of friendly spirit toward it on your part.

FRANK C. CLARK.

To the Editor: For every active philatelist in the United States, I venture to assert that there are anywhere from three to ten persons who have dropped the hobby. Hidden away in trunks and garrets are thousands of stamp collections that ought to be in "active service." Some of these collections, too, probably are of considerable value; lots

of them of course are merely school-boy collections. Yet, within those who made these collections there still exists the philatelic germ. It rarely dies, but too often it lies dormant until it loses all virility. Again, there are entirely too few new collectors coming in to the game.

I note, too, an increasing tendency toward specialization. Naturally, in the United States, most collectors are specializing in the stamps of their own country. The result is that prices on these stamps are growing beyond all reason.

Here are two conditions, which philatelists in general should "view with alarm" as the political platform framers put it. There is something wrong and my idea is that it is the lack of a proper catalog for the beginner. In the second place the present catalogue prices are entirely too high.

We all know that there are many stamps that are not worth the price put upon them by the catalogue and we also know, that many of them sell at retail or auction for anywhere from one half to one-fifth the catalogue price. Imagine the average new collector picking up the Scott catalogue. He sees page after page of stamps priced all the way from 25 cents apiece up to \$250 or \$300. He sees absolutely no chance, with his pocketbook, of ever getting anywhere near a complete collection. There are too many stamps and the prices are too high. He puts his little collection aside, soon loses all interest in it, and philately has lost a recruit. It is losing hundreds every year in just that way.

The remedy is to put prices in the catalogue on a basis of actual value. A stamp that is catalogued at \$1 and sold at 25 cents, will bring the retailer just as much profit, and the wholesaler just as big a price, if handled on a basis of its actual value as if it is handled on the inflated and fictitious value given in the catalogue.

The second thing needed is a simplified catalogue, a catalogue which will eliminate all varieties of watermark, perforation, ink and minute differences in engraving. Such a catalogue, with prices on a basis of real value, would do more to revive interest in general collecting and more towards keeping the new collector in the game until he becomes a real philatelist, than anything else.

Such a catalogue was issued some fifteen years ago, and, if my information is correct, there was only one issue. It was the best thing that has happened in philately in twenty years and it is a great misfortune that it failed of appreciation. I wouldn't sell my copy for fifty times what I paid for it, as far out of date as it is. Every time I look at it, I get a yearning to go back to general collecting. I am one of those who was driven into specialization by the prolixity of the Scott catalogue, both in its listing of varieties and its prices.

I would suggest that the A. P. S. take up this question and appoint a committee to try to arrange both for a simplified catalogue and for a revision of prices to a basis of real value. Then I would feel that I was getting something for the costs of my A. P. S. membership.

Pro Bono Philatelico.

PATTERSON ON PANAMA.

At the next meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, Mr. W. R. Patterson, once vice-president of the society, will give a stereopticon lecture on Panama, using the excellent lantern and equipment of the society. Mr. Patterson's slides were made from photographs that he took when in Panama. As much philately will be introduced by Mr. Patterson in his remarks as possible. Mr. Patterson is disposing of his extensive general collection and the Wolsieffer sale of May 17th will contain the second instalment but he will not abandon philately by any means. Mr. Patterson collected some of the scarce U. S. to the sixth duplicate.

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We wish to call attention to the fact, that during our last visit to the U. S. in the year 1902 we personally exchanged stamps for more than \$40,000. We beg to state that we shall be very pleased to renew our former pleasant connections.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 251, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.

A Chicago reader asks for information regarding the interesting stamps of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate and the country issuing them. The Solomon Islands form the most important and most remote of the large groups of the Pacific Ocean. They are historically of the greatest interest for though they were the first to be discovered they were the last to be explored. In 1568 an expedition fitted out by the Spanish Government spent about six months among the islands and brought back to Peru an account of their discoveries so carefully detailed and accurate that it is now possible, 345 years afterwards, to identify every harbor, islet, and creek by which they passed. Yet though numerous other expeditions set out to visit them they were so completely lost to Europeans that the course of two centuries geographers entertained serious doubts as to their existence and they were actually expunged from the Chart until they were re-discovered by Carteret (an Englishman) and Bougainville (a Frenchman) in the latter half of the 18th century. This is all the more remarkable when it is considered that the group consists of seven large islands and numerous small ones stretched like a net in the course of navigation in an almost unbroken line for about 700 miles. There is surely nothing in the history of maritime discovery more strange than the story of how the Isles of Solomon were discovered, lost, and found again.

After their rediscovery in 1769 nothing is recorded of the group until 1857 when they were visited by Bishop Patterson of the Melanesian Mission. In 1871 the islands came under the baneful influence of the labor market thousands of the natives being persuaded to hire themselves out for three years service in the cotton fields of Queensland. As the "hiring" was chiefly compulsory the natives retaliated by killing the raiders whenever opportunity offered. In consequence of the scandal and constant troubles Britain declared a protectorate over the Solomon Islands in 1893 to save the blacks from the whites and the whites from the blacks.

The islands are of volcanic origin and have a total area of about 8,500 square miles, while the population consists of 150,000 natives and less than 200 whites. The chief islands are Choiseul, Ysabel, Mala, New Georgia, San Christobal and Guadalcanar. The natives are Papuans and Polynesians and until quite recent years they were strongly addicted to cannibalism. The group is governed under a British Resident Commissioner, the seat of Government being at Tulagi—a tiny islet situated between Mala and Guadalcanar.

When the first post-office was opened does not appear to be known but for some years prior to the appearance of the first issue some of the then current stamps of New South Wales were on sale at the Resident Commissioner's office and these were used for the prepayment of postage. The first postage stamps for the Protectorate were issued in 1907. There were seven different values, viz.:

- 1/2 ultramarine
- 1d carmine
- 2d indigo
- 2 1/2d orange
- 5d emerald green
- 6d chocolate
- 1s purple

All were of the same design and of similar shape and size to the stamps of Papua. The central picture shows a lagoon on which is a native canoe manned by numerous natives. The stamps were roughly lithographed by a New South Wales firm owing to the

fact that it was desired to keep expenses as low as possible as the working of the post-office was more or less experimental. The stamps were all printed in sheets of sixty and the stones were made up of transfers resulting in six types for the 1d, 2d, 5d, 6d, and 1s values and three types for the 1/2d and 2 1/2d. The types are easily identified as are also certain stamps on the sheets by peculiar flaws. The issue is one of considerable interest and those readers who wish to delve more deeply into the subject will find all types and varieties fully described in an article I contributed to the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* in 1909 at a time it was possible to examine entire sheets.

The experimental issue was successful and as postal development was gradual and satisfactory it was decided to have a new set of stamps to be printed in London. The new set was the work of De La Rue and Co. and appeared in November, 1908, the same values being retained though colors were chosen to correspond with the Crown Agent's color scheme. These stamps were of normal size, were line-engraved, and printed on the paper with multiple watermark. Some time later 2s, 2s 6d, and 5s values were added to the set and in 1911 a 4d value was issued.

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OUR REVIEW.

The Postage Stamps of Malta.—By Alexander J. Sefi. This is number nine of the W. E. P. series of philatelic handbooks, consisting of a reprinted article on the stamps of this island published in the *West End Philatelist*. The frontispiece is a picture showing some of the fortifications of Valetta Harbor. The various issues are treated in a very comprehensive manner and no collector of these stamps can afford to be without this handbook. Price 20c from the WEEKLY office. Published by D. Field, 4-5 Royal Arcade, London, Eng.

TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSN. MEETS.

The 17th annual meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association was held on Friday, April 11, 1913, at 8 p. m., in the rooms of the Scientific Society of San Antonio. The president, Edward W. Heusinger, presided, the following members being in attendance: Chas. Roemer, A. Riedner, E. A. Bailey, Stephen W. Kearney and Wm. Moore White.

The report of Wm. Moore White as Secretary-Treasurer showed that the membership of the association consisted of one life and twenty-four annual members and the financial statement gave a total of \$128.92 on deposit in the San Antonio Loan and Trust Co.

Several amendments to the articles of association were adopted, and a motion to have same printed in amended form with a list of the members was voted on and adopted. It was also ordered to purchase a copy of Earee's "Album Weeds" and a book case for the library of the association.

The election of officers followed: President, Edward W. Heusinger; Vice-President, Capt. Dudley K. Lansing; Secretary-Treasurer, Wm. Moore White; Librarian, E. A. Bailey; Exchange Supt., Chas. Roemer.

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BAVARIA.

Bavaria, or Bayern, is a kingdom of the German Empire, consisting of two detached portions—the smaller being west of the Rhine, between Alsace-Lorraine, Rhineland and Hesse-Darmstadt; and the larger east of the Rhine, between, Bohemia, Austria, Switzerland, Wurtemberg, and Baden. It has an area of 29,286 square miles and a population well in excess of six millions, the majority of whom are Roman Catholics. Bavaria forms a hereditary constitutional monarchy, the legislative power being invested in the king and two legislative chambers. The kingdom has six votes in the federal council and sends forty-eight members to the Imperial Diet.

Baiern, or Boiaria, land of the Boii, overrun by Rome of the early empire, was divided into three provinces—Rhaetia, Vindelicia, and Noricum. On the breakup of the Roman power, the country, occupied by the Teutonic tribe of Baguvarians (Bavarians) at the close of the 5th century, was ruled by dukes, first elective, then hereditary. After a struggle of two hundred years, Bavaria, absorbed by the Franks, was ruled by Charlemagne, who left his descendants as margraves (788-900) to hold the marches against Hun and Bohemian.

The title of duke was restored (920) for services rendered to the empire, and Bavaria helped the Emperor Otto I. to defeat the Huns at Augsburg. In the middle ages there were constant quarrels between duke and emperor; and the towns, which were either imperial or free (Augsburg, Nuremberg), ecclesiastical (Bamberg), or ruled by princes (Baireuth), rose into importance through the transit of Italian trade northwards, and again declined owing to the development of sea-borne commerce. During the same period the boundaries of Bavaria underwent continual change.

In 1180 Frederick Barbarossa conferred the duchy on Otto, Count of Wittelsbach, founder of the present Royal house. Maximilian I. (1598-1623) was made elector, and received the northern half of Bavaria, owing to

Tilly's victory over the elector Palatine. The French defeat of Blenheim (1704) was shared by Bavaria, but after the treaty of Utrecht (1713) the elector was re-instated in his dominions. Thereafter Bavaria oscillated between the French and German alliance, being invaded (1796) by Moreau, who occupied Munich; siding with Napoleon I., who created Maximilian Joseph I. a king (1805-6); and, subsequently, secured in her new dignity by the allies, helping to overthrow her benefactor (1813). In 1866 Bavaria sided with Austria in the Austro-Prussian war, and had to pay the penalty of its choice in the shape of an indemnity and the cession of territory to Prussia.

In 1886 the throne of Bavaria passed to Otto Wilhelm Luitpold who, however, owing to mental incapacity has never taken any active part in the government of his kingdom. His uncle, Prince Leopold, was appointed Regent and was virtually ruler until the time of his death a few months ago at the advanced age of 90 years.

Although Bavaria became a member of the German Empire in 1870, she retained certain independent privileges, amongst them being the sole control of her postal system. Bavaria is the only German State to still issue its own distinctive postage stamps for Wurtemberg, which for a long period also issued its own stamps, relinquished the privilege on April 1st, 1902.

Bavaria was the first of the German States to adopt adhesive postage stamps, its pioneer labels appearing in 1849. From that date until 1876 the currency of the kingdom was the florin of 60 kreuzer worth about 40c in United States money. In 1876 the Imperial currency of pfennige and marks was adopted.

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1. From the 1st November next the prepayment of matter sent by post in the interior of Bavaria must be effected exclusively by stamps, which the Postal Administration is entitled to sell according to Art. VII of the Royal Ordinance of June 5th; and for the correspondence, the marking of the postage on the seal-side of the letter, prescribed up till now, must be stopped.

2. The stamps intended for the prepayment bear the figures of the single rates, according to the new tariff for the interior of Bavaria, of 1 kreuzer in black, of 3 kreuzer in blue, and of 6 kreuzer in brown-red colors. Each stamp of the last two kinds carries in itself a red silk thread running from top to bottom, as evidence of its genuineness.

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ornamented with arabesques, within a square frame. In the top border is "BAYERN" (Bavaria), in the bottom one is "FRANCO" (Free), at the right is "KREUZER", and at the left the value in words—"EIN", "DREI", or "SECHS". In the small squares in the angles the value is denoted in figures on a checkered ground. The large central numeral on the 1kr is on a ground of mazework which occupies the whole of the interior square. In the case of the 3kr and 6kr the numerals are on a circular ground of solid color, this circle being flattened where it meets the inner lines of the border, thus causing the type generally known as "broken circle." The spandrels, or spaces in the angles, are filled with arabesque ornamentation. The designs were drawn by Mr. P. Haseney, and the dies were engraved on steel by Mr. F. J. Seitz, of Munich. The printing plates were constructed of separate blocks or clichés struck from the original dies and clamped together in a printer's chase. For the plate of the 1kr the casts were taken in ordinary type-metal there being ninety of these in all, arranged in ten horizontal rows of nine. The printing plates for the 3kr and 6kr also consisted of ninety impressions but these were arranged in two panes of 45 each (nine rows of five) placed side by side. The clichés for these values were struck in brass at the Mint and these impressions were soldered on to bars of iron in rows of five. The stamps were printed by Mr. J. G. Weiss, of Munich.

The 1kr was printed on ordinary white wove paper, but for the other two denominations a special greyish-white paper was employed, in the fabric of which red threads were introduced. This paper, known as "Dickenson" paper from the name of its inventor, had the threads arranged at intervals of 20 mm. so that one thread appeared in each stamp. According to a writer in the *Philatelic Record* for March, 1893,

The threads were introduced into the paper lengthways of the continuous roll, and not inserted between two laminae of the pulp, but were pressed into the pulp as it reached the "couching rollers," which, aided by the suction boxes, remove the greater part of the remaining water, and turn the sheet of pulp into one of paper. It was evidently intended that the thread should be especially visible on the back of the stamp, and impressions which shew it on the front are frequently classified separately by philatelists as being exceptions to the rule, and constituting varieties, due only, however, to the printer having taken the impression on the wrong side of the paper.

The plate of the 1kr soon showed signs of wear owing to the comparative softness of the type-metal of which it was composed. Consequently, about September, 1850, a new plate was made for this value the clichés of which were made of brass similar to those employed for the 3kr and 6kr. The new plate had the ninety stamps arranged in two panes of forty-five each. Only 2000 sheets were printed from this new plate when it was decided to alter the color and also to adopt a design conforming to that of the other denominations. These later impressions of the 1kr taken from the brass plate can be distinguished by the greater sharpness and clearness of the design. The color is also a more intense black than that used for the earlier printings.

The 1kr is known with silk thread in the paper. This variety is a proof or essay but that it is of considerable rarity may be judged from the fact that

Gibbons prices it at \$30. The 1kr is recorded as existing in a *tête-bêche* pair but whether this is a true *tête-bêche*, caused by the inversion of one of the clichés on the plate, or due to two impressions (one upside down in relation to the other) being printed on the same sheet of paper, I cannot say.

The 6kr stamp of this issue is an exceedingly rare variety unused. The 3kr may be found in a number of distinctive shades of which the deeper tints are much the rarer.

There are no reprints of these stamps.



Reference List.

1. Nov. 1849. No watermark. The 3kr and 6kr have a silk thread in the paper. Imperf.
2. 1kr black, Scott's No. 1, or No. 1a.
3. 3kr blue, Scott's No. 2, No. 2a, or No. 2b.
4. 6kr brown, Scott's No. 4.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

In April, 1850 Bavaria joined the German-Austrian Postal Union and as the rate on single letters between the states belonging to the convention had been fixed at 9 kreuzer, arrangements had to be made to issue a label of this denomination. Its approaching issue was announced by a Post-office notice, dated 25th June, 1850, and it was actually placed in use on July 1st, 1850. The design of this new 9kr is very similar to that of the 3kr and 6kr of 1849 with one important exception—the circle containing the large central numeral is a perfect sphere and not flattened where it touches the frame lines.

The die was probably engraved by Seitz and the plate was constructed by the ordinary electrotype process. It consisted of two panes placed side by side. Each pane was composed of 45 casts arranged in nine rows of five, with vertical and horizontal lines between them, and a single line around the whole. The plate was backed with type metal so as to render it quite solid. The color chosen was yellow green but a printing was made in a pale blue green—a shade that is of considerable rarity unused. The stamps were imperforate and printed on the paper with silk threads.

An official notice, dated October 1st, 1850, announced that the color of the 1 kreuzer stamp would be changed from black to rose. But not only was the color changed but the design was altered to conform with that of the other denominations. It was similar to that of the 9kr; the circle being complete and not intercepted by the inner lines of the inscribed border. The plate was made by the same process, the sheets consisted of ninety stamps in two panes as in the case of the 9kr, and the same silk-thread paper was used.

A new plate was also constructed for the 6kr, this likewise having the circular ground complete. At what date this was brought into use is uncertain but probably some time in 1851.

On July 19th, 1854, a Government notice was issued intimating that a stamp of higher value than 9kr would be issued for the general convenience of the public, and on August 1st following, an 18kr stamp made its appearance. In design, method of manufacture, etc., this value corresponds to those already described.

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The 3kr underwent no change either of design or color so this denomination does not exist with completed circle. As it was in use from 1849 until 1862 it may be found in a wide range of shades.

Reference List.

- 1850-58. A silk thread in the paper. Imperf.
4. 1kr rose, Scott's No. 3.
 5. 6kr brown, Scott's No. 3.
 6. 9kr green, Scott's No. 6, or No. 6a.
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Has anyone copies of any proofs, other than die proofs, of the original designs of 5 and 10 cents of 1847?
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Has anyone a copy of the so-called Type III of the 1 cent 1851, imperforate, with top and bottom circles cut away (not broken or damaged) showing year date earlier than 1857, or on cover showing date before that time?
Has anyone a copy of the 10 cent 1851-60, perforated, showing Plate Number 3?
Has anyone a copy of the 90 cent 1861, shade of Marine Blue, which they would loan the writer for the purpose of identifying the shade?
Has anyone a copy of any stamp, variety of 1857, grided, showing the End Roller Grille from top to bottom of stamp?
Has anyone a true double transfer in the 1 cent, 5 cent, 10 cent, or 12 cent stamps, issue of 1851?
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—G. B. Newton, Jr., sends for our inspection a specimen of the postmark used in connection with the 1912 "Child Welfare Exhibition" held at Montreal last October. We have previously referred to this cancellation in the WEEKLY.

—The shortcomings of dealers who send out approval selections marked at prices above catalog quotations in order to allow fancy discounts are condemned by L. S. Keeler of Norwalk, Conn., in a recent letter to the WEEKLY. It seems incredible that any dealer would seek to thus impose upon any collector interested sufficiently in philately to subscribe to our publication.

—The Watervliet Stamp Co. would like to know the address of Harold Berg, Elyria, Ohio, and Allan Ball, Springfield, Mo. Mail sent to addresses given is returned "Unclaimed".

—B. W. H. Poole had the misfortune recently of being in an auto accident and luckily escaped with nothing worse than some bruises and a cut on the left hand.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Geo. W. Schaefer, W. A. Kain (2), Geo. H. Sleeper, M. S. Karlitsky, W. E. Marsh.

—"The Monument" advertised in this issue is a souvenir of a fair held in 1840 to raise funds to complete Bunker Hill Monument. Its contents consists of poetry and prose, description of tables and their contents, the names of table holders and booths, and the towns contributing to the fair. Mrs. Bowen became the possessor of two copies, one of which she presented to the Bostonian Society.

—We are indebted to W. T. Wilson, Birmingham, England, for a specimen of the label issued in connection with the Fifth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain held at Edinburgh the last week in April. This label is upright rectangular in shape, printed in maroon and black. The central design shows the celebrated Scott monument and is the portion printed in black. The stamp used to mail the envelope is cancelled with the familiar "Congress" postmark, a large circle in which is the inscription "Fifth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, Edinburgh, 1913". In an inner circle is the date, April 24, with the hour of mailing. Mr. Wilson has proven himself a great friend of the WEEKLY in the manner in which he has extended courtesies of this nature.

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While awaiting confirmation, yea or nay, of the momentous question, let us turn to something nearer home, such as the picture post card of the San Miguel Locks, for instance. That is as near as we shall ever get to the error.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Very Fishy—We have been told by Mr. A. Roterberg that a correspondent in Germany informs him that the Gatun Locks error, two cent Panama-Pacific, the supply of which is believed to have been wholly destroyed by the government, when it was found that through a mistake the Pedro Miguel Locks, instead of the Gatun Locks had been reproduced on the stamp, is offered for sale in Berlin at a figure that does not seem particularly fancy, considering the circumstances. Mr. Roterberg will not vouch for the veracity of the statement, which certainly is interesting if true. We trust that on the score of philatelic public policy, the information is not reliable; and it is unbelievable that the department's pledge that all the stamps "that had been printed, of which none had been issued, were destroyed," will be proved false.

A Paper Error—The remarks on double paper in U. S. issues are continued from the preceding issue and an interesting error that comes under this category demands a word. We have a pair of the two cent brown, 1873, in which both layers of paper are of the sized paper sheet that was to be used only as the second sheet and which was not to receive the impression. In picking up the first sheet, instead of the

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blotting or tissue paper layer, a sheet of the thin "backing" paper was taken, with the result that the compound sheet is composed of two layers of the thin, sized paper. Mr. Steel, the patentee of the compound paper, warned against the possibility of printing on the sized paper, as it was the tissue or top layer that was to receive the inked impression; this paper was the one that was readily disturbed by the action of water or acid when friction was used, while the second sheet, gummed on the face with a special adhesive preparation was to be the backing paper which was to give body to the compound paper. Notwithstanding Mr. Steel's cautionary words, the printers erred in this case, as they did in others; that is, when the ink was applied to the sized sheet, the blotting paper being wrongly employed as the back layer. If we are not mistaken, the six cent National which proved the existence of double paper in that company's product was printed on the sized paper layer and not on the tissue or blotting paper sheet, thereby reversing the idea of the inventor of this safety paper for postage and revenue stamps.

Good Guess—Some time ago, we mentioned a grill vaguely shown in a block of eleven unused, three cent, 1867 issue, 11 by 13, that was in our possession. The grill was of two different sizes and Mr. F. R. Cornwall gave it as his opinion that the lack of uniformity in the grill was due to the partial removal only of the bosses of two rows at the top of the "griller" by the lathe that ground down the outer rows of the grill when they became a bit worn. Mr. Wm. L. Stevenson, Flint, Michigan, has been studying the grills keenly and after scrutinizing the block in question, he advanced the opinion that the extension rows of seeming indentations are blind grills only and that the extension grill would disappear with the gum. As the extended grill never showed on the face of the specimens, it was fair to assume that the grill was a gum grill rather than a paper impression grill; and as Mr. Stevenson says that removal of a bit of gum seems to eliminate the grill at the particular spot.

Plating Grills—Mr. Stevenson is of the opinion that there is an inviting opening for the United States specialist with plenty of patience to "plate" the two grille cylinders of the 1867 issues, 9 by 13 and 11 by 13, respectively. He says: "To be accurate, large enough blocks to lap two stamps each time might be desirable but the plating may be done, if some one with the qualifications of purse and persistence would apply himself to the task."

British Newspaper Stamps—Mr. R. H. Perry, Mitchell, South Dakota, while helping to raise a house some time ago, found a number of Irish newspapers with the stamp duty impression in red, the type showing the rose, shamrock and thistle, surmounted by a crown, with "One" above, and "Penny," below; the name of the newspaper at the left. For the information of those who do not

understand the nature of the hand-stamp marking, it is to be said that previously to the year 1855, newspapers were liable to stamp duty, payment of which was denoted by a hand-stamp in carmine on the sheet, "and in consideration of the duty, the newspaper was privileged to be conveyed free by the post for a certain fixed period. The stamp was therefore a fiscal one, carrying with it a postal franking privilege." In 1855, the duty was entirely removed but it was stipulated that free carriage was granted for a time after publication date of the newspaper "to the copies of any registered newspaper printed on paper impressed with the stamp denoting the duty theretofore payable, together with the name of the newspaper; or the newspaper might be conveyed at the book post rate at the option of the sender, in which case the prepayment was made by ordinary postage stamps." From 1855 to 1870, some of the newspapers availed themselves of this privilege and used the impression in red that has been described.

Saw-Tooth Perforations—Count Lapp De Booz is speaking: "I was geologizing once on the wastes of remote Isobar in search of a new mineral that I was certain was to be found there, when a band of horsemen descended upon me furiously and took me to the functionary who reigned over the rude people who inhabited the great barrens. The despot who was an awesome figure in the eyes of the simple, semi-barbarous subjects accused me of treason and a host of other crimes and sentenced me to die at dawn. He would hear no explanations and said that he would be my executioner and added as a cruel jest that the hole that I had dug in my search that day would be my grave. I was haled to a jail-like room and there I was left to meditate on my fate. I turned to my little book of duplicates for the solace of a last look at my beloved stamps and noticing a specimen that was discolored and stiffened by grease spots, it flashed on me that I could use the stamp as a sort of saw and this I did. The stiff perforations soon cut through the steel bars and I easily made my escape, leaving the inhospitable country without regret as I had discovered the new mineral, which has been named Boozite in honor of myself. You will now understand why a grease spot or two on a stamp does not make me look with disdain on the specimen."

In Ward Thirteen—Said the Attendant at the Asylum for the Addled: "I can't exactly make out what the trouble is with that new fellow but the way I got it from the Doc was that he was spending all his time and money on stamps and I think that it was his wife who had him brought here. It seems that at breakfast, instead of chatting with his family, he looked over his stamp mail and approval selections; he spent his noon hour at the dealer's and at night he tended to his collection and his stamp correspondence; while during the day, he always managed to have stamps on his desk. For sixty hours on a stretch he never spoke a word to his wife but

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CHAPTER XXXVIII.

90 Cents, Issue of 1870-79.

A well known specialist in United States stamps was recently examining my collection and I noticed that he spent considerable time in looking at the 90 cent stamps issued between 1870 and 1882. As he went forward to later issues he would turn back to those stamps, and he seemed to be fixing the shades, varieties, etc., more firmly in his mind. Then he remarked: "I wish I had given more attention to these stamps while there were any considerable numbers to be had. I did not know there was so much to be learned of them. Here you have more than a dozen copies in your collection; I have only three."

My own interest was renewed, and a little later I, too, took more notice of the stamp, the handsomest of the series. Large dealers seem unable to supply any number of them for study, so that while I have more than a dozen copies in my collection, I now know that my 90 cent stamps of this issue are far from being complete.

These stamps I believe were among the very last of the issue to appear. I have been unable to satisfactorily fix the date when they probably were first offered to the public, but I have seen one copy postmarked August (?), 1870.

Whether the stamps without grille were first to be sold, or whether it was the ones with grille, or if they appeared simultaneously, will never be known. They were printed from the same plate—No. 23.

The stamps issued between 1870 and May 1, 1873, were printed by the National Bank Note Company. Five sizes of grilles have, to this time, been chronicled, as follows:

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The only shade given by Mr. Luff to the stamps with grille is carmine lake. I have one, in a lighter shade, but this might have been caused by fading.

Mr. Luff classifies the stamps without grille in shades of carmine lake and lake. To this I think should be added carmine.

There were issued to the government by the National Bank Note Co., between 1870 and 1873, dates as above, 213,450 stamps of this denomination.

On May 1, 1873, the Continental Bank Note Company began delivering stamps of this series of designs to the U. S. Postal department. The 90 cent stamps were printed from the National plate—No. 23. The knowledge of this fact would seem to establish the matter correctly that there was no secret mark engraved into the stamps issued by the Continental Bank Note Company. It has been written that a secret mark does exist, in that five lines of the star in the upper right hand corner were deepened. Personally, I am inclined to doubt this, for reasons which I shall discuss more fully in another and separate article upon the Secret Marks, for which I have been collecting data and information for several months.

The shades in the stamps of Continental print are named as pale rose carmine and rose carmine. These are sufficient to separate the National and Continental prints.

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siderable doubt as to this. The Con-
tinental print has never been mentioned
as having been grided for legal pur-
poses (in common with the 30 cents).
All of the lower values from 1c to 24c
were so grided, with the smaller and
later-made embossing dies. If it is so
that the 90 cent (and 30 cent) stamps
were not so processed, there must be a
reason for it. That reason, if learned,
might remove some of the other doubts
surrounding this issue.

Mr. Luff, in his record of deliveries,
shows that in 1874 there were 197,000
stamps furnished to the government,
and that none were delivered in 1873,
1875 and 1876. For the remainder of
the contract there are as well no figures
accurately showing delivery.

On Feb. 4, 1879, the contract of the
Continental Bank Note Company was
assumed by the American Bank Note
Company, with which the former con-
cern was merged. The stamps printed
by the new company were on soft,
porous paper. But—and here is a
question for some expert to solve—as
other denominations were printed on
soft paper by the Continental company
before the merger, is it not safe to as-
sume that some of the 90 cent stamps
were also printed on soft paper by the
merged companies?

The shades named by Mr. Luff are
dull carmine rose, carmine rose, and
rose carmine. The only chronicled va-
riety is the stamp imperforate.

No accurate record of manufacture
or delivery is to be found.

The Continental Bank Note Company
made the reissues for the Centennial
exposition, in Philadelphia, in 1876.
These reissues were printed upon hard
white paper, in violet carmine shade,
from plate No. 23. The issue consisted
of 10,000 stamps. In July, 1880, the
American Bank Note Company printed
500 stamps of this denomination, in dull
carmine shade. When the reprints and
reissues were later destroyed it was
found that there were 10,330 copies on
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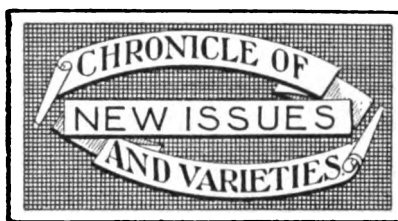
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AUSTRIA.—Frank Kocher shows us the first used copy that has come to hand, of the new 72h value in the current postage set. This was chronicled in No. 1165.

Ewen's Weekly reports the issue of the 20h and 35h values of the current set on ordinary paper.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles the 2c value in the King George set.

Adhesive.

2c rose.

CHINA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 4c and 20c values with the Waterlow overprint.

DOMINICA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 3d pictorial on ordinary multiple paper.

EGYPT.—*Sudan*.—*Gibbons Monthly* reports that the large camel rider stamps were punctured "A S" for "Army Service": 1m, 13,000; 2m, 13,000; 3m, 13,000; 5m, 100,000; 1pi, 18,000; 2pi, 3,840; 5pi, 1,200. There were no 10pi stamps thus treated. The Army Service stamps arrived at Khartoum Oct. 27, 1912, and were put into use Jan. 20, 1913. The 1m perforated "S G" is for official use, to take the place of the stamps overprinted "O. S. G. S." They were issued at Khartoum Dec. 20, 1912. Contrary to the suggestion in No. 1162, the 10pi overprinted "O. S. G. S." is not to be superseded.

GREECE.—*Lemaire's Journal* notes that the 1 lepton value of the current set has been lithographed, like the 5, 10 and 25 lepta values previously chronicled. The same paper says that the postage due stamps are also to be lithographed as the original stock has been exhausted. Possibly the colors may also be changed.

INDIA.—*Kishengarh*.—*Lemaire's Journal* reports the issue of another provisional in the type of the 2a recently chronicled.

Provisional Adhesive.

¾a ultramarine.

ITALY.—The New England Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new provisionals from Italy, the 5c, 10c and 15c values of the Turin commemorative stamps being overprinted with new figures of value, placed over the old values, in black on the 5c and 10c and in purple on the 15c.

Provisional Adhesives.

2c on 5c deep green.
2c on 10c carmine.
2c on 15c slate.

MONTENEGRO.—We learn from *Lemaire's Journal* that a new series of stamps has been issued "without tambours or trumpets, but which might very well, intentionally or not, commemorate the grave events likely to result from the resistance of Montenegro to the commands of Europe. The new stamps bear the same portrait as the 5pa, 10pa, 25pa and 35pa values of the 1910 set, but the portrait is in a circle, and the frame is surrounded by foliage. Four postage due stamps have been issued in the same type.

Adhesives.

1pa orange.
2pa violet.
5pa green.
10pa deep rose.
15pa gray.
20pa brown.
25pa ultramarine.
35pa scarlet.
50pa pale blue.
1per brown.
2per dull mauve.
5per yellow green.

Postage Due Adhesives.

5pa gray.
10pa purple.
25pa dull blue.
50pa magenta.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Hermann Focke has shown us a new card from the Island. The stamp shows the portrait of King George in a large oval with "Newfoundland" above and "One Cent" below, the figures of value being printed in large tablets near the bottom. The crown surmounts the oval with conventional ornaments in the four corners.

Post Card.

1c green on cream; 120x78 mm.

NYASALAND PROTECTORATE.—*Lemaire's Journal* reports that the series with portrait of King George has begun to appear, but we omit the formal chronicle until we have seen the stamps.

SERBIA.—The *Bazaar* has the following interesting article on the Serbian "Journal Stamps" of 1911:

"The inner history of these mysterious labels still remains to be written, but it is now definitely known that they are in reality 'charity stamps,' and were produced for the benefit of a journalists' fund. An official order of the Postal Administration, dated November, 1911 (the date of '1912' given in *Gibbons' Catalogue* is an error), authorised their sale from 1st Dec. of that year, and stated that the public would be allowed to use either these special stamps or the ordinary postage stamps, at their discretion, for the postage of newspapers

sent within Serbia or to foreign countries. On 14th Nov., 1912, a further order appeared, directing the withdrawal of the stamps, but allowing any remaining in the hands of the public to be exchanged for ordinary stamps within a period of ninety days. The statement made in *Serf's Catalogue* to the effect that only the low values, from 1 to 25 paras, were officially authorised for use is incorrect, as the order expressly mentions the whole series. The further statement made in the same catalogue that only these low values were distributed as specimens to the Postal Union, is probably also incorrect, but even if it were true, it would not affect the status of stamps formally approved by the issuing Government."

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.—William L. Aldrich & Co. have shown us the low values of the new set, as previously chronicled.

UPPER SENEGAL AND NIGER.—This Colony has been divided into parts, according to *Lemaire's Journal*, and new sets of stamps are shortly to be issued for Upper Senegal and for Niger.

VICTORIA.—A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* writes as follows:

"As one who has followed current Victorian stamps on the spot for the past ten years, I would like to remark that perhaps there was as much change in them in the year 1912 as in the whole nine previous years taken together. In the first part of the year the series Crown A on thick paper were in use. Then the ½, 1 and 2d came out on thin paper. Then the ½, 1, 2 and 9d, vertical watermark, came out on V and Crown duty paper (½ and 9d are known perf. 11). Then the ½, 1, 5, 6d and 1sh appeared on thin paper, ½d, watermark sideways this time. It is impossible to ignore the thin paper, for not only is it sometimes almost pelure, but the shade in different. The three pennies of 1912, i. e. A thick, A thin, and V and Crown duty, are all known in several shades, the first and last also with watermark sideways. Victorian stamps are now practically finished."

COMMUNICATIONS.

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CHICAGO, 4-23-13.

TO THE EDITOR:—

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the 1c, 1912, which is the rarest of all as stated by Mr. Wagner. The discovery of this extra hole was made by Messrs. Carbeen & Roberson and the late Ed Scheffer in the Chicago Philatelic rooms and there are twenty of each 1910, and only ten of the 1c, 1912. At the time Mr. Chambers extracted the extra tooth, he also rearranged all the teeth so now evenness is the order of the day, and there are no errors or different spacings between series of holes (some were 2 mm. apart and some 3 mm. apart) in the stamps now used. I do not know positively who has the errors of the 1c and 2c, 1910, but I do know the location of all the ten pairs of the 1c, 1912 "error" and they are all the way from New York City to California. Furthermore there is not a tinge of suspicion about the entire series of "Chambers."

THOS. C. E. HUNTER, Sec. C. P. S.

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BRITISH EMBOSSED SERIES.

F. J. MELVILLE in *Daily Telegraph*.

The first two values in the series of embossing dies for Georgian postage stamps of Great Britain were delivered last week. Some envelopes of both denominations, 1/2d and 1d, were issued to various post offices and to the order of private firms. The stamps are the 1/2d green and the 1d red, and show a cameo profile to left of King George within an oval frame, with the crown at the top. The solid medallion of colour which forms the background to the profile is of an irregular shape in the halfpenny, and oval in the penny. The outer oval band in each case has uncoloured lettering of the words and figures of value, with interlaced uncoloured lines on a ground of colour. The embossed portrait, which is one of Mr. Bertram Mackennal's, gives the King rather an Italian appearance, and recalls Punch's criticism of the penny Edwardian issue as a "foreign stamp."

The embossed envelopes are manufactured for the Post Office by Messrs. McCordale & Co. (Ltd.) in a variety of sizes and shapes. In addition, stationers and other business firms are able to get their own stationery embossed with the postage duties at Somerset House, for which a small fee is charged on small quantities, though it is done without charge on large quantities. In the new halfpenny die there is a departure from precedent in the matter of size—a departure which is likely to prove a cause of much dissatisfaction with many business firms, and which, indeed, opens a channel for errors in embossing. The halfpenny is equal in size to the one penny, and in times of stress it may easily happen that the two duties may be transposed, the halfpenny being embossed in the colour of the penny, and vice versa.

But from the point of view of the business firms using large quantities of embossed envelopes of patent or other special designs for invoices, receipts, &c., such as the so-called "window envelope," the large halfpenny stamp will take up too much space. Some of these envelopes are of very small dimensions, with proportionately large "windows" through which the address can be read; these will scarcely take the large halfpenny stamp.

"The embossed postage stamps of Great Britain form a very interesting and handsome series, commencing in January, 1841, with the successor to the Mulready envelope. The fanciful design of the latter was received with such ridicule on its issue the previous May, that Rowland Hill foretold its early withdrawal in his diary on May 12th, 1840. 'I fear,' he wrote, 'we shall be obliged to substitute some other stamp for that designed by Mulready, which is abused and ridiculed on all sides. In departing so widely from the established 'Lion and Unicorn' nonsense, I fear that we have run counter to settled opinions and prejudices somewhat rashly. . . . I am already turning my attention to the substitution of another stamp, combining with it, as the public have shown their disregard and even distaste for beauty, some further economy in the production.' The embossed stamp which succeeded the Mulready envelope was, however, a thing of beauty, with a fine embossed profile of Queen Victoria to left, by Mr. William Wyon, of the Royal Mint, and an oval framework designed and executed by a Mr. Deacon, in the employ of Mr. Charles Whiting, of Beaufort House renown."

The Wyon head was retained, with technical and minor variations only, throughout the reign of Queen Victoria. Her late Majesty retained a partiality for that early portrait, which originated on the medal struck in commemoration of her first visit to the City of London (Nov. 9th, 1837) after her accession. The King Edward series of embossed stamps for postage duties bear a profile after a portrait by the well-known sculptor Emil Fuchs. Conforming to a well-conceived plan, the designs of the several duties vary in

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form, the duties ranging from 1/2d to 1s. The 1/2d green is oval, but of small size, and, along with the oval penny red stamp, appeared in January, 1902. The 1/2d yellow is shield-shaped (September, 1902), the 2d lake is oval (February, 1903), the 2 1/2d blue is a pointed oval, with a scalloped border (February, 1903), the 3d brown is of trilobe-shape (February, 1903), the 4d orange-vermilion is circular (circa February, 1903), the 6d violet is an irregular octagon (February, 1902), the 10d reddish-brown is octagonal, with an octagonal medallion in the centre (October, 1903), and the 1s is octagonal, with a shield-shaped medallion (September, 1903).

Most of these stamps are unfamiliar to the general public, and, except for the 1/2d and 1d denominations, are mostly used for stamping stationery to the order of private firms. The sixpence duty is largely used for stamped telegraph forms. The tenpence has been exclusively used for foreign and Colonial telegraph forms, the die having been abandoned as an ordinary postage duty in January, 1902. The Edward VII die, therefore, has not been used for regular postage purposes. There is one other embossed stamp which is more familiar in use than most of the embossed duties (excepting the 1/2d and 1d) and that is the 2d+1d registration fee and postage duty, which, in the Edwardian series, was issued in brown, in January, 1902. The stamp is not embossed to order at Somerset House, but is only supplied under the contract for post-office envelopes.

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The 290th (regular) meeting was held at the Club Room this evening with 36 members and friends present. President Nevin occupied the chair.

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Mr. Stone also stated that the total contributions to the New York Stamp Exhibition from members of the Society now amounted to \$151.00.

The name of Mr. Oscar Hill, proposed by B. L. Drew, was posted for membership.

New members were admitted: No. 575, Prof. Hamilton C. Macdougall; No. 576, Mr. M. B. Clark.

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27 Natal No. 1, poor.....	11.00
28 No. 10 used fine.....	2.50
29 No. 13 good, used.....	1.25
30 Nos. 9, 9a, 12, used, good.....	4.50
31 15, 16, 17, last has straight edge	4.75
32 30-2-3, good.....	6.50
33 38, 39, slight defects.....	1.75
34 43, 44, used, fine.....	5.00
35 49, 50, used, good.....	1.00
36 64-7-9, 56.....	3.56
37 50, 61, 62 fine, last 2 unused, gum	7.35
38 66-7-8-9, 70-1-2-3-5-6-7-8-9, 80, fine	7.20
39 81 to 90 all unused, o. g., fine,	3.06
40 and 7 used.....	3.06
41 Netherlands 36 var. 1852 to 88, good lot	8.33
42 1891-96, 16 var. used and unused,	5.01
43 fine.....	5.01
44 1899, Nos. 71 to 84 unused, o. g.,	2.65
45 fine, also No. 85, Nos. 86, 70 used	2.65
46 Nevis No. 21, New Brunswick, Nos.	2.97
47 6 to 11, fine lot.....	2.97
48 New Foundland No. 3 unused o. g., fine	2.00
49 No. 5 unused o. g., fine.....	2.25
50 No. 20 unused, 24 used, 25 used	7.85
51 heavy can.....	7.85
52 Nos. 28, 33 unused, fine, gum.....	6.50
53 30, 31 used, good.....	5.25
54 32 defective.....	1.00
55 34, 49 unused o. g., good.....	1.00
56 27, 29 unused o. g., good.....	2.00
57 35, 37 used, good.....	3.00
58 38-9, 42-4-1-5-6-7-8-9, 50-4, all	4.04
59 unused but 3.....	4.04
60 Jubilee issue complete, fine, un-	4.04
61 used o. g.....	4.04
62 1897-9, 1901-8, also 2 unused env.	1.00
63 stamps.....	1.00
64 New Foundland 1912 set, 104 to 114,	1.37
65 all unused o. g., fine.....	1.37
66 New South Wales Nos. 11, 12 good,	2.75
67 used.....	2.75
68 Nos. 27, 28, 29 good.....	6.25
69 No. 31 close one side.....	3.75
70 No. 33 (2), 34 (2), fair lot.....	9.80
71 Nos. 32, 33 (2) good.....	1.30
72 35, 36, 44 good.....	2.75
73 30, 40 (2), 42 good.....	4.20
74 61 to 66-9, 59.....	1.58
75 77 to 82, 88 used and unused, good	4.12
76 80, 92 to 95-8-9, 100 used.....	2.05
77 98a, 100a, unused, fine, o. g.....	2.50
78 101 to 108 used and unused, fine	2.22
79 201 to 205.....	.32
80 No. 303 creased, used.....	3.75
81 Nos. 92-3-4-6, 89, 104-4a-6-7-8 fine	2.50
82 No. 305 good, used.....	1.50
83 Official 14 different used, good.....	2.13
84 New Zealand No. 10, 11 fair, used.....	4.75
85 Nos. 18, 19, 21 fine, used.....	5.75
86 23 to 29 average.....	10.60
87 No. 49 good.....	2.50
88 Nos. 51, 52, 55 good.....	.78
89 Nos. 53, 54, good.....	4.25
90 No. 56, good.....	1.25
91 No. 57, good.....	3.00
92 No. 58, good.....	3.50
93 No. 59, fair.....	3.00
94 Nos. 61 to 69 all used average,	1.36
95 one No. 61 unused.....	1.36
96 Nos. 70 to 78, 81 unused, o. g., fine	4.95
97 No. 82 used.....	1.75
98 Nos. 353-4-5, 551-2-3, 263, 130 to	2.07
99 138, all unused o. g., fine.....	2.07
100 Nicaragua 68 diff. used & unused, fine	5.29
101 No. Borneo 22 diff. (23 stamps) used	2.98
102 and unused.....	2.98
103 Norway 60 diff. used & unused, good lot	9.84
104 Nova Scotia No. 2, slight tear, hard-	2.00
105 ly noticeable.....	2.00
106 Nos. 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 used, No. 8 def.	4.40
107 Orange River Col. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 23,	1.50
108 22, 27, 29, 31 used.....	1.50
109 Nos. 33, 40 (2), 40E, 44-5-6, 54-5	2.28
110 Nos. 58, 59, 60 unused o. g., fine	1.60
111 61 to 69 all unused o. g., fine.....	3.32
112 Paraguay 17 stamps used and unused,	1.90
113 good lot.....	1.90
114 Peru 31 diff. used & unused, good lot	2.71
115 Phil. Is. Nos. 39, 40 used, 53 52, 55	1.90
116 No. 57 used, good.....	1.25

Lot No.	Cat. value
107 Nos. 52-3-5, 76-7-8, 83-2-5-6-7-8	2.00
108 1890-8, 35 var. used & unused, fine	6.75
109 213 to 219 used, 222, 15 var.	2.21
110 news, unused.....	2.21
111 241 to 250, 255-7-9, 60, also 261	1.86
112 to 271, including O. B. sur-	1.86
113 charges (25 altogether).....	1.86
114 Porto Rico Nos. 1, 4, 5, 16, 17, 20,	1.87
115 23, 30 used and unused.....	1.87
116 Nos. 23-4-5-7-8 unused, fine.....	6.50
117 36, 38, 42-3-4-5-8-9, 51-2 used & un.	1.70
118 55 to 68, 70 to 79, 81-7, 90 to 103	3.29
119 No. 78 unused, fine, o. g.....	1.25
120 No. 79 unused, fine, o. g.....	4.00
121 108 used, fine.....	.75
122 50 var. used and unused, fine.....	4.57
123 Prince Edw. Is. Nos. 5, 6, 7 slight	5.00
124 defects, used.....	5.00
125 11, 14, 15, 16 unused, fine.....	1.20
126 Prussia Nos. 1 to 27 complete, all	17.63
127 used but 2, very fine lot.....	17.63
128 Queensland Nos. 6, 11, fair.....	6.75
129 Nos. 16, 17, fair.....	2.25
130 Nos. 26-7-8, 38-9, 40-2-2a, 43,	8.70
131 fine lot.....	8.70
132 No. 52 used, perfs. cut in at top	2.50
133 Nos. 57 to 61 used & un., fair.....	2.90
134 No. 75 unused, fine.....	2.50
135 Nos. 74, 76 rev. can., fine.....	.50
136 Bal. 29 var., used & unused, fine	6.25
137 Reg. stamp No. 303, heavy can.	2.00
138 Roman States Nos. 4, 5, 8, 18, 19,	1.42
139 21 used and unused.....	1.42
140 Roumania Nos. 24, 26, 36, 33, last def.	1.30
141 44 var. used and unused, fine.....	2.45
142 Russia No. 8 unused, fine.....	.60
143 Nos. 5, 6, 9, 10, 11.....	4.10
144 Nos. 19 to 38 used and unused,	4.14
145 fine lot.....	4.14
146 Nos. 41 to 45 all un., o. g., fine	1.71
147 Nos. 46 to 54 all used, fine, 55 to 61	1.01
148 Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 23-4-5-6, 20,	5.47
149 21, 22 and No. 10 Livonia.....	5.47
150 St. Christopher Nos. 3, 6, 8, 9, 13,	2.68
151 14, 25, fine.....	2.68
152 St. Lucia Nos. 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 used,	10.10
153 fine.....	10.10
154 Nos. 15, 17, 1 used, 1 unused.....	4.00
155 Nos. 19 to 22 used and un., fine	6.75
156 Nos. 27 to 30, 33 to 38, 42 un-	3.57
157 used o. g., fine.....	3.57
158 No. 37 unused o. g., fine.....	3.25
159 No. 38 unused o. g., fine.....	5.00
160 Nos. 43 to 49, 57-8-9 unused,	2.88
161 o. g., fine.....	2.88
162 St. Vincent Nos. 3, 2 used, fine.....	2.75
163 No. 9, very good.....	7.50
164 Nos. 13, 14, 15 good, used.....	6.75
165 No. 21 used, fair.....	7.00
166 Nos. 24-5-6-7, fair.....	5.45
167 Nos. 40-1-2 (3), 3 fine.....	1.25
168 No. 36 used, perfs. cut in at top	4.50
169 No. 39 unused o. g., fine.....	7.50
170 Nos. 45, 51 used, fine.....	2.35
171 Nos. 48, 48a used, fine.....	3.75
172 No. 50 used, superb.....	5.00
173 Nos. 52, 52a, 54, 58 used & un.	1.55
174 Nos. 56, 57 fine, unused o. g.....	3.00
175 Nos. 59, 60, 61 all un., o. g., fine	1.75
176 Nos. 62-9, also Nos. 90, 92, 93,	4.66
177 also 40 & 58 on piece of cover	4.66
178 Salvador 35 var., fine.....	2.30
179 Saxony No. 2, one used, one un.	3.00
180 Nos. 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, all used, fine	2.85
181 Nos. 9 to 13 used, fine, one on	1.33
182 part cover.....	1.33
183 No. 14 fine, used.....	7.50
184 Nos. 15-21 used & un., dupa.	2.68
185 Servia 25 var. used & unused, fine	1.32
186 Siam 18 var. used and unused, fine	1.48
187 Sierra Leone No. 6 unused, fine, o. g.	1.25
188 No. 8 unused, fine, o. g.....	1.50
189 No. 10 used, fine, o. g.....	2.50
190 No. 16 used, defective.....	1.25
191 Nos. 21, 22, defective.....	3.80
192 Nos. 24-30 used and unused, fine	1.82
193 So. Australia No. 10 fine, used.....	4.50
194 Nos. 14, 16, 26 used, fine.....	2.50
195 17 used, fine.....	1.00
196 48, 54 used, fine.....	3.25
197 46 unused o. g., fine.....	7.50
198 46 (2) used, fine.....	4.00
199 49, 49a used & unused, fine, o. g.	6.50
200 44, one used, one un., o. g., fine	6.50
201 61 unused o. g., fair.....	2.50
202 68, 72-3-6-8, 80.....	1.55
203 98, 100, 99, 95, 102-3 to 8, 114-	1.97
204 15-16, 133-4, 246, 290-3, 289,	4.00
205 121 fine.....	4.00
206 St. Settlements No. 1 defective.....	3.00
207 No. 2 good.....	3.00
208 No. 6, 8 slight defects.....	5.00
209 9 good.....	3.00
210 10 to 13 unused o. g., fine.....	4.25
211 14 un., fine, no gum, No. 15 used	1.85
212 17 unused o. g., fine.....	6.00
213 18 used, good, 16 used, good.....	2.35
214 20 unused, fine, no gum.....	2.50
215 21 unused, fine, no gum.....	2.50
216 29 unused, fine, o. g.....	2.50
217 33, 34 used, good.....	1.75
218 38, 39 used, fine.....	2.50
219 40, 42 to 52 used and unused.....	4.30
220 68 to 73, 75 to 84, 87-9, 90-1-2	3.26
221 93-100 all un., fine, o. g., also dups.	2.93
222 Multiples 7 var., unused, 1 used	.93
223 18 var., Johore, Perak, S. Ujong & c.	1.52
224 122, 137-8-9, 41-2-7-8 un., fine o. g.	2.05
225 Surinam 1, 3, 4, 19, 18, 21, 27, 29,	1.46
226 31, 33, 34, 35, 44, used and	1.46
227 unused, fine.....	1.46
228 Sweden 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16	1.98
229 used, fine.....	1.98
230 51 var. used and unused, fine.....	4.82
231 Official & Unpaid, used and un.	1.61
232 Switzerland No. 22, 24 used, fine.....	2.35
233 25, 26, 27 used, fine.....	5.50
234 34 used, fine, lightly can.....	1.75
235 35 to 39, fine, lightly can.....	1.45
236 40 fine, lightly can.....	1.50
237 Bal. used and unused to 1900.....	7.51
238 Unpaid 201 to 200, 221 to 228	1.21
239 used, fine.....	1.21
240 119 to 133 all unused, o. g., fine	2.81

Lot No.	Cat. value
206 Tete beche 126, 134, 136, 137 unused, fine.....	1.40
207 Tasmania No. 6, fine.....	1.25
208 No. 11 used, fine.....	1.00
209 No. 12 used, cut close.....	2.50
210 No. 13, 14, 16 used, two pen can.	3.05
211 No. 29 un., fine, o. g., No. 31, used	2.00
212 No. 32 unused, fine, o. g., one used, No. 34.....	2.50
213 No. 53-4-5-6 used, good lot.....	1.85
214 No. 57 used, defective.....	1.50
215 59 pen can.....	3.50
216 Nos. 60 to 63, 65-6, 72, 83-4 mostly unused, o. g.....	2.70
217 Nos. 74 to 79 all unused, o. g., but 79, fine.....	2.04
218 Nos. 80 to 93 all unused, o. g., fine, also 212, 215.....	2.28
219 11 sq. cut and compound 1/2d, 6 different colored paper.....	—
220 Tobago No. 1 unused, no gum, fine.	1.25
221 Nos. 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 to 24, 26 fine, unused, o. g.....	4.27
222 No. 25 used, unused, price.....	2.50
223 No. 31 used, fine.....	1.25
224 Transvaal No. 81 unused, st. edge.....	3.00
225 No. 75 unused, good, no gum.....	1.75
226 No. 76 used, st. edge.....	2.00
227 No. 77 defects.....	.75
228 No. 78 used, perfs. cut in at left	1.25
229 No. 84 used, st. edge top.....	1.00
230 Nos. 85-6-8 used, good.....	1.50
231 Nos. 89 to 105 used, good.....	1.51
232 No. 100 unused, fine.....	1.00
233 No. 111 un., fine, 113, 114, 115.	2.09
234 No. 115 used, fine, lightly can.....	1.00
235 No. 117 fine, used.....	3.50
236 No. 118-9, 20, 23 (2) used & un.	1.84
237 Nos. 124 to 128 un., o. g., fine.....	3.90
238 Nos. 129 to 136 used, fine.....	5.05
239 No. 137 used.....	1.25
240 Nos. 138 to 150.....	3.06
241 Nos. 220 to 224, 230-1, 215, 250 o. g., fine.....	1.93
242 Trinidad 48, 49 used, fair.....	2.50
243 50 used, fair.....	1.75
244 51-2 used, fair.....	2.00
245 53, 53a used, fair.....	3.75
246 55 used, fine.....	1.00
247 60 used, fine.....	1.50
248 57, 58, 59 used, good.....	1.22
249 61, 63, 65, 66, good.....	3.10
250 67 to 72 unused, o. g.....	2.04
251 74 to 80 mostly unused.....	2.77
252 Bal. 10 var. diff. from above, fine	.80
253 Unpaid 152-3-4-6-7-8-9	4.68
254 Tunis 9 var. Turks Is. 42-5-7-8 unused, 52, 53.....	2.19
255 Turks Is. 55 to 61 all un., o. g., fine	1.71
256 62 unused o. g., superb.....	1.25
257 63 unused o. g., superb.....	2.00
258 Uruguay No. 23 used, cor. clipped.....	1.50
259 Nos. 29 to 33 used & un., good lot	4.60
260 Nos. 35 to 38 used, good lot.....	2.60
261 Nos. 39 to 44a used, good lot.....	3.36
262 Nos. 46, 47 unused, 48 to 54 used	3.27
263 No. 55 used, fine.....	1.00
264 No. 62 unused, superb.....	1.25
265 Nos. 56 to 61, 63 to 68 used and unused, fine.....	2.41
266 No. 71 unused, superb.....	1.25
267 Nos. 69, 70, 72 used, good.....	1.85
268 Nos. 74 to 82 used, fine.....	3.68
269 Nos. 73, 83 to 96 used & un., fine	3.05
270 No. 97 used, fine.....	2.50
271 Nos. 102 to 108 used, fine, 113 to 118.....	2.15
272 119 to 125, 128-9 used, fine.....	2.94
273 Balance 24 var. diff. from above	1.53
274 Venezuela 46 var. used & unused, fine	2.37
275 Victoria No. 3 fine, used.....	17.50
276 No. 8 used, good.....	1.70
277 Nos. 15, 30 used, good.....	1.25
278 No. 17 used, good.....	2.00
279 No. 18 used, defects.....	2.00
280 No. 28 used, small hole.....	2.00
281 Nos. 45, 47b, 48 used, good.....	1.25
282 No. 52 used, good.....	3.73
283 Nos. 57-9, 61 defects.....	3.90
284 Nos. 67-8 fine.....	1.00
285 Nos. 71-4-5-6-7-9, 80 good, used	1.25
286 No. 81 defective.....	4.60
287 No. 82 good.....	1.25
288 Nos. 86, 87 cor. perfs. clipped.....	3.00
289 No. 97 used, 2 perfs. missing.....	5.75
290 Nos. 90, 91 used, good.....	1.00
291 No. 92 used, good.....	1.50
292 No. 104 used, not priced.....	1.50
293 No. 107 used, good.....	3.00
294 No. 108 used, fine.....	7.50
295 No. 109 used, perfs. cut in at bot.	3.70
296 Nos. 110-11-13-14-15-16 used, good	2.00
297 No. 112 used, fair.....	1.50
298 No. 117 used, fine.....	1.50
299 No. 118, 123 used, good.....	3.75
300 No. 119 used, good.....	2.00
301 No. 122 used, good.....	1.25
302 No. 121 used, defective.....	2.50
303 No. 127 used, good.....	2.50
304 No. 128 used, good.....	2.50
305 No. 120 used, good.....	3.00
306 No. 129 used, good.....	2.50
307 No. 125 used, cor. perfs. missing	2.50
308 130-1-2-5 (2)-40, 138, 141-2-3-5	6.25
309 146 un., 147 to 154 used, good lot, 150-3.....	3.00
310 158 used, good.....	1.90
311 159 to 166 used and un., fine..	.97
312 169 to 173 used, good.....	1.00
313 174 unused o. g., fine.....	1.25
314 175-76-78 used, good.....	7.68
315 23 var. used and unused, fine..	2.83
316 No. 317 with 176 on part cover, fine	2.83
317 No. 501-508 used and un., fine	2.00
318 511-5 to 523 all used, fine.....	2.00
319 524 used, fine, cat. unused.....	1.00
320 Virgin Is. No. 2 used, fine.....	3.50
321 Nos. 13, 19, 21, 22-3-4-5-6-7 un., fine	2.00
322 W. Australia No. 1 torn, nothing miss.	3.00
323 No. 3 used, corners clipped.....	2.50
324 Nos. 21, 22 (2) defects.....	1.50
325 29-30, 32, 36, 37 used, good..	1.00
326 33 used, good.....	1.00
327 33a used, st. edge several perfs. miss.	1.00

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"UNTO THIS LAST."

By EDWIN B. HILL.

The Arizona summer with its heat had passed, and the coming winter had begun to call the tourist from the East. The snow-clad peaks of Superstition range and the Matatzals were visible forlornly. I felt desolate as they, for my friend, Frevor Moore, had gone into the hills in what we called Autumn to stay until Spring. With him had gone a veritable tourist of an Englishman,—one of those real gentlemen to whom all is strange,—one, too, who is inquiring. It was an axiom at Willow to save your lies for natives, and tell strangers the truth. That is why I steered clear of the Briton. I'd have to lie to him if he was receptive, although it would be merely passing on the local items retailed to me by cow-puncher or sheep-herder. So I hid out, and saw Moore depart for the hills with his friend.

"Mr. Moore was looking for you," said the red-headed girl in the post office when I collected four days' mail an hour after the cavalcade was out of sight. "He wanted you to meet his friend, Algon Prince."

"Ha! Prince, eh? Ha!" I replied, somewhat testily.

"Cheer up! You won't be bothered till Spring," said the girl, hopefully. "Too bad it's so short a time."

That was the straw. The red-headed girl saw I was piqued, and so she let it soak in.

After this little exchange of amenities, she was most kind and forgiving. I felt this intuitively; for she even went so far to prove it as to show me His picture,—a nice gentle cow-puncher who worked up at Moore's ranch. I knew and liked him.

I "holed-up" until the snow melted, the Winter floods passed, and the green showed on the mountains.

Moore came into the postoffice with his quick soft step, grasped my hand warmly, and then burst out:

"Heard the news? Madero dead—murdered—and I'm afraid for Juan—sore afraid he's gone out, too. I'm down to get word."

There were letters galore, but not the letter.

"No news is bad news" declared

Moore. "But I want you to come up to the ranch with me and meet my friend, Prince," he continued.

"Ha!" ejaculated the red-haired girl, and then busied herself amongst the letters. I shrunk properly. That stab from her was entirely unnecessary.

"Glad—glad to go!" I replied quickly; and I was. So we rode forth into the mountains.

At the ranch-house I was introduced to Algon Prince, of London. He knew his Lamb and his Coleridge and his Keats,—and I cursed my stupidity and boorishness. Better than that, to me, just then, he knew stamps, as none besides,—while of the ways of the forger and the faker he was as familiar as with an open book. It was glorious! And I'd missed it all these months!

"Show him your collection of rarities," suggested Moore, as he puffed at his pipe.

Prince went over to Moore's trunk, and pulled forth a small black volume.

"In mourning," he laughingly declared as he passed it over to me.

I opened the book at the first page. The sight took my breath. Hawaii! Missionaries! Eight of them! There was a sight for the gods! I gloated and gloated; for these were the first of those famous stamps I had ever seen.

"And every one a gem,—if only they were perfect," added Prince, sadly.

I looked again. Then I took the book into a better light. My eyes, schooled as they were to search for skillful repairs, with difficulty discerned the work of an artist in every stamp.

"LeGrande! As I'm a sinner!" burst from my lips.

"Yes; the greatest of them all," said Prince. "There are just 229 stamps in that book, worth as many thousand pounds if perfect, every one of which has been repaired by that wonderful artist, LeGrande, of Paris. One year ago he died. These were his legacy to me,—his swan-song,—the gems of his curious collection. You knew the old man? Not a perfect stamp in his small shop. Every one had been repaired by himself. Why, he must have restored rarities worth millions of pounds.

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Prince slowly filled a pipe as I looked through the volume, noting the world's greatest rarities made to look as good as the best. But always I recurred to the Missionaries.

"LeGrande was a character, and the soul of integrity, too," said Moore. "I knew him fairly well the last two years of his life. Don't you remember, I asked him once to alter a common variety into a rarity? I wanted to use it as a joke when I went back to London. I can see, now, how the old man's hand trembled as he took from his stock-book a copy of this rarity, and handed it to me. 'Yours,' he said. I tried to explain. The old man waved me off, and went into the rear room, closing the door. My eye! I was in a stew until you dropped in and I explained. Then I went to my pension until you came for me."

"I have that stamp yet. And the memory, too, of an insulted and hurt old man. He was apology personified. I remember, when you fetched me across Paris to him. But I never forgot it,—nor did he."

We sat silent, looking across the mesa. The rhythmic sound of hoof-beats came on the breeze,—sighing through the house.

"There's death in it!" declared Moore, suddenly, as he dropped his pipe and sprang to the open door. We crowded the narrow entry into the open.

A solitary horseman, mounted upon a sorry animal, was close upon us. The man was an Indian, and he rode as if he had come a long distance. He was on the verge of falling as Moore caught him, swaying in the saddle. Moore helped the man indoors, we gave him water. He thanked us gravely, and then, looking intently at Moore, he spoke slowly in perfect English:

"Senor, he is dead. He sent me to tell you. I—I follow quickly."

That was all, in English. Then, in his adoptive Spanish, he poured forth his soul of love and affectionate remembrance. He was the last of his tribe,—the last of the house where he had served three generations. Huerta's men had led his master to his death with Madero that bloody day. José knew the end long before it came. His people were not ready,—the reforms were in advance of their time. And so—

That night the old man slept into the Silence. We buried him at dawn, where the sun shone first upon the hilltop, and the evening sun last at night. His faithfulness had brought to him desired rest.

S.P.A. CONVENTION AT WICHITA, KANS.

The annual convention of the Southern Philatelic Association will be held at Wichita, Kans. where the S. P. A. has a live branch. The date will be Sept. 13-14-15, 1913. This past year has been one of great success and one of the best conventions in years is sure to be among the results. Already a number of the prominent officers have expressed their intention of being present. Every collector residing within a reasonable distance should be present: for he is sure to meet some of America's leading philatelists. Wichita is a live city and situated as it is, it makes an ideal convention city for collectors in the middle western states. Every collector in the U. S. (and elsewhere for that matter) is cordially invited to be present at this convention. Those who will be present are urged to inform C. V. Webb, Sec.-Treas. S. P. A., Perry, Ohio, of that fact.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We are indebted to Herman W. Boers for a couple of clippings. Mr. Boers also notes a 1c parcel post precancelled in two lines "Cleveland, Ohio".

—We have been favored with a handsome calendar from the office of the International Stamp Co. This firm occupies a foremost rank in the character of its calendars, and the patrons of the firm are fortunate in being thus favored.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from John U. Hoffman, L. A. Nixon, Fred W. Bauer.

—Ivan Shoemaker sends us an aeroplane cancellation bearing date April 19, 1913, and postmarked Sacramento, Cal. The postmark is of the regulation order.

—G. de Lachasse, N.Y. City, expresses the desire that dealers shall remove his name from their lists, in order that he may be relieved of the receipt of price-lists, auction catalogs, etc. Through failing eyesight he has been compelled to cease collecting and has sold his specialized collections of United States and France.

—L. A. Beebe, Yonkers, N. Y., shows us a strip of the Siam 2 satang, Scott's No. 109, in which is found an interesting example of irregular perforating. Each of the three stamps is perforated horizontally in such a manner that the row of perforations is not even with the row on the neighboring stamp.

—J. J. Prendergast submits a specimen of the label issued by the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, to advertise this hostelry. It is quite an imposing label printed in green and black with pictures of Gen. Sherman and Hon. John Sherman in oval frames. The label is oblong rectangular in shape, and there are six different combinations of colors.

—We are indebted to the following subscribers for back numbers of the WEEKLY needed to complete files:—Paul S. Hedrick, E. A. Ricksecker, Geo. McL. Lawson, M. C. English, E. S. Bissinger, M. Swenson and W. E. Mallalieu.

—Kansas City parcel post precancels have been issued on 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c. They are now printed from a plate, instead of a roller as on other issues. The name is in two lines "Kansas City—Missouri" typewriter capitals being used. They are printed on a multigraph machine in the post-office.—H. F. KOHR.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

New Card.—The order of the postmaster-general to issue the United States postal card in green in conformity with the recommendations of the Universal Postal Union was given the widest publicity by the newspapers, some of which treated the announcement with the embellishments that are a setting for important news.

In Ward Thirteen.—Said the Attendant at the Asylum for the Addled: "Those stamp collectors with their brains tied in knots are beginning to get on my nerves and if Doc doesn't soon stand for a raise, I will discharge myself. That new fellow over there playing with stamps as if he were on a sand-pile was brought here by his sorrowing folks, who put up with him until nature rebelled. It seems that he had a mania for buying the large lots of stamps that were 'guaranteed unpicked.' He got the mixtures by the million, by the sack, by the hoghead and by the ton, I guess, as he had his house stuffed with stamps from basement to attic. He did nothing but hunt through these stamps for great rarities that he was sure that he would uncover. Though he never found anything to speak of, he became all the more set in buying the lots and when he tried to mortgage the old home to raise the coin to buy a freight-car consignment of the great unpicked, a halt was called.

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Restored.—Count Lapp DeBooz is speaking: "Wishing to perpetuate my fame as a mycologist, I decided that I would seek a new variety of fungus in the wilderness of Bajax, even though I had to defy the fierce inhabitants of the country. I was ambushed and dragged before the savage chieftain who ordered that I be confined until the next feast-day, when, said the ruler, I would be 'served right.' My doom was sealed in these light words and a prey to woe, I opened my pocket duplicate-book of stamps for a last lingering look at my beloved possessions. I noticed that a three cent, 1851, United States, had become sulphuretted to black almost and mechanically, I gave it a bath of peroxide of hydrogen. The H202 did the work and instantly revealed the original red color of the stamp. An exclamation of awe caused me to look up and I found the repellent features of the king softened by a smile. 'He make black man, red man; he big medicine man,' said the king and from that time on, he and his people almost suffocated me with kindness. However, having discovered the new fungoid growth, I left the country secretly, not wishing to witness the grief of the Bajaxes who had become so attached to me. On my travels, I make it a rule now to carry a little vial of hydrogen peroxide."

Delicate Distinction.—Mr. R. J. Hogg of Adelaide, South Australia, has sent the following details of a complication in watermarks in Victoria which few collectors will be able to untangle. The differences between the two issues are very slight and are likely to test the keenness of the specialist. It seems that recently, the Australian Commonwealth authorities ran out of paper and the half penny, one, two and nine pence, respectively, for use in Victoria, of the old Victorian types, were printed on paper that was borrowed in consequence from the state department for the printing of the state revenue stamps. As this paper is watermarked, V over crown, in the old pattern in use before the crown over double-lined A paper was introduced, the appropriation of the paper for postal use perhaps would not have been detected; but as it happened that some marginal strips of the paper were saved, with the double-lined watermark on the top margin, "Stamp Duty," no doubt could exist of the issue of the Victorian stamps on the revenue paper. It would be difficult to recognize the paper in question particularly in the case of used stamps but as only a small printing was made before the use of the paper was dispensed with, it is not likely that cataloguers will notice the reappearance of the old crown and V paper stamps of Victoria.

Earn Their Rest.—Further, our correspondent tells of the final exit of two

philatelic patriarchs whose faces have been scanned by collectors from the beginning of philatelic time to the present day. One of these stamps, both of which were issued by New South Wales was happily named the Grand Old Stamp of philately on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of its use. New South Wales can claim a double record now that the advent of the Commonwealth issue will retire the two oldest stamps on the stage. The large diadem head, five pence green, was first issued in 1855 imperforate, on paper watermarked 5 in double lines. The stamp in its original color, green, has been on sale to the public for fifty-eight years; and for fifty-three years, it has been in perforated condition while for thirty-three years, it has been on sale in the same condition as regards paper and perforation, "although for ten years previously, the difference in watermark was such that only the more expert could detect it." All through the years, these stamps have been printed "from the one engraved plate made in England and sent out from the workshops of Perkins Bacon and Company." The second stamp which is given honorable mention is the three pence value, green, 1856, a stamp that is only one year younger than the large five pence. For fifty-seven years the three pence has been printed in the same color and in all respects this venerable friend is a worthy partner of the Grand Old Stamp.

One-Cent National Precanceled.—Mr. W. A. Kain, St. John, New Brunswick, has sent for inspection, two copies of the one-cent blue, 1870 issue, that must be included under the precanceled classification. One of the stamps has two printed bars, each a millimeter wide, and the other, three of these bars horizontally across the face. Unquestionably the impression was made by printed rules with the purpose of precanceling the stamps in sheets or strips. We have seen precanceled one cent blue of the 1870 design of later printings used on the envelopes but until now, the National variety had not been examined.

That Reminds Us.—About a year or so ago, a copyrighted label appeared as an advertisement of the International Fair at San Francisco in 1915. The central design of the sticker in an oval frame represented the Golden Gate, with steamer in foreground; and the inscription read: "Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, Cal., U. S. A." The letters, P. P. I. E., respectively, one of which was in each corner were printed in a light buff and so were the sun, with "1915" across its face, and its reflection on the water; otherwise, the label was in blue. The label which many of our readers have seen, no doubt, was a superior lithograph and perforated. For some time, we have not seen one of these "stamps" but now that a reader sends one for examination, we should like to know whether the label has been suppressed with others of different kinds. Under the close scrutiny to which labels are subjected by the authorities, when

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A COLLECTOR'S WORKING LIBRARY.

By CHAS. E. JENNEY.

An article by Edwin B. Hill "Concerning Old Catalogues" in a recent number of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY suggested to me another on the actual working library of a general collector of stamps. Like him I have a file of the Scott catalogues away back to the days when it was a large paper covered volume, but most of them have now served their day and well too, although here and there they conserve bits of information left out of later editions. They stand in a row in my book-case; but on my desk within easy reach of my hand is a varied working library that is consulted almost daily.

First, of course, is the current edition of the Scott catalogue, and with it the little separate booklet listing the U. S. locals and the Chinese Treaty Ports. Third, for State revenues I use Kenyon's catalogue of the state revenues. Fourth, for Mexican revenues and the U. S. francs on envelopes there is Mekeel's old catalogue of the stamps of the world. Fifth, for U. S. envelope varieties I consult Berthold's Varieties of the Nesbitt dies. Sixth, for entire envelopes, Bartels' Envelope catalogue. Seventh, for the U. S. 1903 envelope dies, Pollard's little catalogue of these. Eighth, for Hydrometer and Lock Seals and certain foreign cancellations, I have the little handbooks of the Springfield Philatelic Club on "Side-lines." Ninth, for English stamps, I find Morley's catalogue comprehensive. Tenth, for English cancellations is the large volume of Hendy's History of the Postmarks of the British Isles. Eleventh, for Canada revenues, I go to Hall's Standard Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Canada. Twelfth, for U. S. Proofs I delve in Toppan's Tentative Check List of U. S. Proofs. Thirteenth, for Canada in general, Howe's "Canada" has often to be searched. Fourteenth, for U. S. minor varieties Toppan's Notes upon U. S. and their Varieties. Fifteenth, for further information along the same line and for shades and particulars of issue, Power's work on U. S. Stamps. Sixteenth, Gibbon's Catalogue for explanations of types not fully described by Scott.

These may not be quite all, but they present the main features of my working library and all are in constant use, being, each in its way, the best I know of in that line, though some of them are very old publications and out of print. Of course, there are a number of subsidiary handbooks that require occasional reference, such as Poole's "Hong Kong," Melville's "Jamaica" and "The Line Engraved Stamps of Great Britain," Morley's "One Penny Black" and "One Penny Red" and Yvert & Tellier's French catalogue which includes the revenues of France.

In addition to the foregoing there are always a number of current stamp magazines with specialized articles that require digestion, and in addition to all, a most important home-made loose-leaf record of uncatalogued varieties of all countries and their descriptions. Many of these items would otherwise be forgotten in the swift-moving film-roll of philatelic events, and only noticed too late in the volumes of the greatest specialists, were it not for this constant reminder.

And always in my vest-pocket is the little loose-leaf list of my special wants of all countries, with minute annotations of how far they escaped me at some of the past auctions.

The above list may look formidable to the beginner yet I am assured that there are scores of diligent philatelists using about all of them and perhaps more. In the larger cities where there are philatelic societies, it may not be necessary for the individuals to possess so many separate catalogues, but it is certainly handy to have them. Most of the volumes I use as check lists and save a good deal of unnecessary handling of the stamp albums, but this

is to a measure offset by frequently missing something if the stamps themselves are not before one.

AEROPLANE CANCELLATIONS.

By ARTHUR T. BROWNE, B. P. S. No. 543.

Columbia, Tenn.—The first aeroplane cancellation from the State of Tennessee was used at an aviation meet held at South Side Park, Columbia, September 10-13, 1912. Aviator Horace Kearney who was drowned while making a flight off the Pacific coast a few months ago, was the aerial mail carrier. From a special postoffice on the aviation grounds Kearney carried mail each day of the meet to the postoffice, a distance of a mile and a quarter. Kearney gave a remarkable demonstration of mail carrying. Each day he flew he reached an altitude of a mile. Yet when he dropped the sack of mail it always landed within 100 feet of the postoffice. Both the aeroplane cancellation and cancellation were in bright red ink. The postmark was circular in shape. At the top were the words "Aeroplane Station." In the center was the date. At the bottom were the words "Columbia, Tenn." The aeroplane cancellation was as follows:

—AVIATION—
 —FIELD—

Cedar Falls, Iowa.—A big Home Coming Celebration was held at Cedar Falls, Iowa, September 2-7, 1912, during which time aviator Lincoln Beachey, America's premier bird-man, and who has recently announced his intention of quitting the game, cut up all sorts of aerial capers and incidentally carried mail on the last two days of the celebration. Beachey made three flights a day. Beachey carried mail from a special postoffice on the grounds to a point near the postoffice, a distance of about two miles. The sack of mail was dropped and picked up by a waiting automobile. The aeroplane cancellation consisted of three lines of type and was as follows:

Aeroplane Mail Service
 Sept. 7-1912
 Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Lock Haven, Pa.—From a Los Angeles aero collector I have secured a copy of the Lock Haven, Pa., aeroplane cancellation which was used October 7, 8 and 9, 1912. I described this service in MEKEEL'S of April 5, the aviator being Walter Johnson of the Thomas Aviation Company of Bath, N. Y. The postmaster at Lock Haven wrote me that no cancellation was used yet Johnson wrote me that there was such a cancellation. And now comes my Los Angeles friend, Mr. Glen W. Perkins, and proves this to be a fact. The postmark was elliptical in shape and purple ink was used. At the top were the words "U. S. Official Aerial Mail Stamp." At the bottom was the date "1912."

Rockport, Ind.—At an aviation meet held at the Rockport, Ind., Fair Grounds, August 20-24, 1912, aviator Horace Kearney carried mail for a distance of about one mile, from the fair grounds to the postoffice. Kearney made a trip a day for the first three days of the meet and averaged about 700 pieces of mail per day. He started from the special postoffice on the grounds and dropped the sack of mail in front of the postoffice. The aeroplane postmark was in blue ink and was like the following illustration:

Aeroplane Station
 Aug 23, 1912
 Rockport, Ind.
 From Rockport Fair

The cancellation consisted of four thick lines, one inch in length and one-eighth of an inch in thickness. The second and third lines were broken. Inserted in these were the words "U. S.—MAIL."

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St. Christopher

1884 4p gray, unused O. G.12

Nevis

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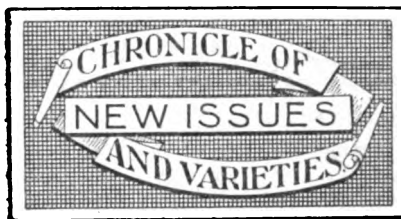
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding pre-cancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDRIDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

UNITED STATES.—The following new precancels are listed by Frank B. Eldridge:

Riverton, N. J.—(1164) 4c, 10c, 1913, Parcel Post.

Buffalo, N. Y.—(1164) 15c, 1913, Parcel Post.

Seattle, Wash.—Two lines (SEATTLE-WASH.) horizontal inscription in serif capitals, 2½ mm. high, between lines 14 mm. apart and ¾ mm. thick. 1c & 15c, 1913, Parcel Post. Reported by Edmond K. Janes.

Ashland, Ohio.—(1145) 1c, 1913 Parcel Post, Inverted.

ARGENTINE.—*Champion's Bulletin* notes the issue of the 10c dark green locally printed, on paper watermarked honeycomb. The *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* says that the 2c, 4c and 5c values of the current stamps have been overprinted "Centenario de las Instrucciones del Año XIII." Like the similar issue for Uruguay, noted below only 150,000 stamps of each value were thus surcharged, and they were on sale only from April 4 to 20. They were available for postage for Argentine and Uruguay only.

BELGIUM.—We chronicled the new 35c Postal Packet stamp in No. 1160, on the authority of a French contemporary. William L. Aldrich has now shown us the stamp, and we find the colors are quite different from those stated.

Postal Packet Adhesive.

27c yellow bistre and green.

BERMUDA.—William L. Aldrich & Co. have shown us the 2d value in the "Hog Money" type.

Adhesive.

2d gray.

BRITISH GUIANA.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles and illustrates a new issue for this Colony, from "specimen" stamps, the design being an entirely new one. The familiar ship is relegated to a subordinate place in a small circle in the lower left hand corner.

The portrait of King George printed in a medium sized oval in the upper left, with the value in a large tablet in the lower left corner. The portrait oval is surmounted by the crown. The name of the Colony appears in two tablets in the upper right corner of the stamp, while "Postage & Revenue" appears in a tablet at the right centre. Conventional ornaments and native foliage fill up the balance of the design.

Adhesives.

6c gray and black.
12c (?)

CANADA.—Marian L. Merchant and Frank B. Eldridge send us further specimens of special postmarks for coming events in the Dominion, including the Toronto Horse Show, Exposition Provinciale de Quebec, Ottawa Horse Show, Guelph's Old Home Week, Regina Business Men's Convention, Vancouver Mid-Summer Fair, and Edmonton Exhibition.

Adhesives.

40c purple and black; Prieto.
60c blue and black; Montt.

Mr. Davis has also shown us a new envelope, the stamp being similar to the current adhesives, but larger, measuring 25x29 mm.

Envelope.

10c gray brown on white; portrait of Correna.

COLOMBIA.—*Champion's Bulletin* is informed that as the Colombian Government has not accepted the proposition of the American Bank Note Co., who offered to furnish the proposed emission of 36,000,000 stamps for the sum of \$18,000, it is probable that the issue will not see the light. The last award has been held up as the houses taking part in the competition have not conformed to the list of prices. The next issue will be a new fabrication by the "Lithographe National de Bogota." The materials and machines have already been ordered, and experts will come from abroad to direct the work.

ECUADOR.—Several of the stamps of 1907 to 1911 issues have been seen with "Official" in surcharge, according to *Champion's Bulletin*.

Official Adhesives.

1c red and black.
2c orange and black.
5c carmine and black.
10c blue and black.

FINLAND.—We hear from Mr. Morse that the local cards have undergone a change. Those reported in No. 1131 were lithographed but were later typographed, and aside from the clearer impression, the change can be seen in a coarser groundwork in the stamps and in the line of instruction which is 59½ mm. long instead of 60½ mm.

Post Cards.

10p carmine on white.
20x10p carmine on white; T. 3.

ITALY.—*Champion's Bulletin* illustrates the Pneumatic Post stamp announced in No. 1165. The stamp is of large design like the "Espresso" and "Expres" stamps, the design showing a portrait of the King at the left, facing towards the left, and framed with a wreath of oak and laurel. The value "10 Centesimi 10" covers the wreath at the bottom. "Regno—D'Italia" is printed in two lines in the upper right corner, with the crown and shield between this and a large tablet in the lower right corner, containing the two words, "Posta—Pneumatica." The stamp is printed on paper watermarked Crown and perforated 14.

Pneumatic Post Stamp.

10c brown.

JAMAICA.—Hermann Focke reports the 4d of the King George set. This stamp was issued at Kingston, May 1.

Adhesive.

4d red and black on yellow.

MITYLENE.—*Champion's Bulletin* has the following regarding the recent surcharges on Turkish stamps which circulated in the Island. These surcharges were produced in the Post offices of Mitylene and Molyno, the two principal cities of the Island. The number of stamps surcharged of each value were as follows: 2 paras, 21,000; 5 paras, 2,000; 10 paras, 10,100; 20 paras, 18,200; 1 piastre, 5,945; 2 piastres, 446; 2½ piastres, 900; 5 piastres, 133; 10 piastres, 94; 1 piastre postage due, 164; 25l on 2 paras, 2400; 50l on 20 paras, 2400; 1dr on 20 paras, 1200; 2dr on 1 piastre, 1200. As will be seen the emission was exceedingly restricted, and certain values will probably be classed among the great rarities of Europe.

MONTENEGRO.—An "Acknowledgment of Receipt" stamp should have been added to the list of the new series in No. 1167, the type being the same as the adhesives. All are perforated 12.

Acknowledgment of Receipt Adhesive.
25p olive.

NEW ZEALAND.—According to *Champion's Bulletin*, the Life Insurance series has been issued in new colors, with "V. R." omitted.

Life Insurance Adhesives.

½d yellow green.
1d dark carmine.
2d lilac.
3d yellow brown.
6d carmine rose.

RUSSIA.—Supplementing the statement in No. 1165, we translate the following from *Champion's Bulletin*: "The new series was not to have a commemorative character—it was simply designed to replace the stamps of 1909. Not until the moment when the Holy Synod has considered as irrelevant the action of daubing the portraits reproduced upon the stamps, and it was proposed to retire them from circulation,

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URUGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us three provisionals from this country, the 1c, 2c and 5c of the lithographed series having been overprinted in black—"Centenario—de las—Instrucciones—del—Año XIII." The stamps were issued April 4, and were on sale until April 20. As they could easily have been sold out on the first day, the sales were strictly limited and no one was able to buy in large quantities. The number issued of each of the three values was 150,000. They were to be used only in Uruguay and Argentine, in connection with the stamps noted above.

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BOSTON, MASS., MAY 17, 1913.

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A small number of sheets were printed on the plate with a defective border, and the stamp collectors are buying them in blocks.

It is said that a single 10-cent special delivery stamp with the upper border missing is worth close to 75 cents each, and a block of four is worth about \$3.

The local stamp collectors have a society which meets once a month, usually at the home of the president, James A. Hays. Other members are P. M. N. Carlsen, vice president; V. D. Tomlinson, secretary; August Von Boecklin, Le Roy Pratt, Alfred A. Johnson, Roy W. Russell, Walter A. Herrin, Louis Johnson, R. P. Tarr, Ernest H. Little and Fred Lawrence.

One of the interesting collections is owned by Louis Johnson, an old resident of Tacoma. In his book he has outlined houses of different designs and the stamps serve as windows.—*Tacoma (Wash.) Tribune.*

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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S. M. EDWARDS, Sec. ARGUSVILLE, N. D., April 30th, 1913.

Reports from members concerning recent flood conditions.—A little out of the regular order:

C. W. Stutesman, Peru, Indiana.—The water was 5 feet deep in his house. Did much damage to furniture and lost his library; but saved his postal card collection. Himself and family are well and safe.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Bavaria.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

An official notice, dated July 6th, 1862, announced that on October 1st following, various changes would be made in the colors of the different values, viz.—

The 3 kreuzer, taken as equivalent to 5 Austrian neugroschen or 1 silbergroschen, will for the future be printed in rose instead of blue.

The 6 kreuzer, equivalent to 10 Austrian neugroschen or 2 silbergroschen, will be printed in blue instead of brown.

The 9 kreuzer, equivalent to 15 Austrian neugroschen or 3 silbergroschen, will be printed in light brown instead of green.

The colors of the remaining values will be altered from the same date as follows:—

The 1 kreuzer, from rose to yellow.

The 12 kreuzer, from red to green.

The 18 kreuzer, from yellow to vermilion red.

The change in the colors of the 3, 6, and 9 kreuzer was made so that these denominations would correspond to those of the other signatories to the German-Austrian postal union and this, of course, necessitated the changes in the other values to prevent confusion. The exact dates of issue of the new varieties is not known. All we know is that the stamps in the new colors were placed on sale as the stocks in the former tints became exhausted. The stamps were printed from the same plates as before and in most of them considerable variation of shade may be found. The 6kr in ultramarine is a rare shade worth looking for.

This completes the history of the "numeral" stamps of Bavaria but before dealing with the later issues it will be as well to refer to certain varieties, printed in black on colored paper, so that there may be no misunderstanding as to their status should any of our readers come across them. We can best do this by reprinting the following paragraph from the *Philatelic Record*:—

It was the custom in Bavaria to make up the stamps for the supply of the post-offices into packets of fifty sheets, and these were placed in covers of various colored paper, on which a copy of the stamp, with the number of sheets and stamps in the packet, was printed in black. No order for this is found among the official documents relating to the earlier issues, but the system continued in use till the close of the numeral issues. During the period which commenced subsequently to the issue of the 1 kreuzer, type II, down to October, 1862, the color of the paper for the 1 kreuzer was gray, that for the 3 kreuzer was blue, that for the 6 kreuzer was brown, that for the 9 kreuzer was green, that for the 12 kreuzer was red, and that for the 18 kreuzer was yellow. The stamps impressed on the covers had no postal value whatever, and were simply printed on the covers as an indication of the particular value of the stamps contained in them.

Reference List.

1862. A silk thread in the paper. Imperf.
9. 1kr yellow, Scott's No. 9.
 10. 3kr rose, Scott's No. 10.
 11. 6kr blue, Scott's No. 11.
 12. 9kr bistre, Scott's No. 12.
 13. 12kr green, Scott's No. 13.
 14. 18kr red, Scott's No. 14. or No. 14a.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

The adoption of a new design for the stamps of Bavaria evidently involved much serious consideration for, though the idea was mooted in the early part of

1865 and proofs were actually existent twelve months later, it was not until January 1st, 1867, that the stamps were really issued. The approaching change was announced by means of a Government Notice dated December 14th, 1866, the salient provisions of which were as follows:—

With the Royal approval a new issue of postage stamps has been prepared, which will be issued according to the consumption of the stock of the existing values.

The new stamps are, like the former, printed in color on white paper traversed by a red silk thread, and bear the Royal Arms of Bavaria, with the two supporters in white relief on a colored ground, and with the numeral of value in each angle. The stamps will, like the former, be issued for the values of 1, 3, 6, 9, 12, and 18 kreuzer.

The colors of the stamps of 3, 6, 9, and 18 kreuzer are, as in the former issue, carmine-red, blue, light brown, and vermilion-red; the stamps of the 1 kreuzer are green in place of yellow, and those of 12 kreuzer violet in place of green.

The delivery of the new stamps to the post-offices will be in sheets of 60 pieces, and in larger quantities in packets of 50 sheets.

The design consists of the Arms of Bavaria surmounted by a Royal crown with lions as supporters. Under the Arms is scroll ornamentation with "KREUZER" in small capitals below; while above is the name "BAYERN." The preceding details are on a background of solid color and of somewhat eccentric shape. In the angles are numerals in white on solid colored discs to denote the various values, while the spandrels are filled with ornamental scrolls. In referring to the change of design the *Stamp Collectors' Magazine*, made the following interesting comments on stamp designs in general:

The substitution of an elegant design like this for the existing prosaic figure, is matter for congratulation. That a stamp may be ornamental as well as useful, is a proposition which most postal administrations now show their acquiescence in. Economic reasons are, we fear, too much in favor of armorial bearings as a device for stamps; but for our part, while acknowledging the excellence of the change from figures to arms, we must confess we should prefer to see the features of foreign sovereigns on a larger number of stamps than at present bear them. The objection to the employment of our own Queen's effigy on her colonial stamps, that the frequent repetition is monotonous and tiresome, would not hold good in respect to continental monarchs, over whose dominions the sun sets in the ordinary course of nature.

The original or matrix die was engraved on steel by Peter Reiss, a medal coiner employed at the Royal Mint. The secondary dies, on which the numerals of value were engraved, and the brass blocks which formed the printing plates were also struck at the Mint.

The plates were constructed by a process similar to that employed for the numeral series. Each plate consisted of sixty brass clichés arranged in two panes of thirty each (6 rows of 5) placed side by side. A space about the width of a stamp separated the panes. The design was embossed in slight relief on a colored ground the series being a particularly attractive one. The paper was similar to that used for the preceding issues, having silk threads embedded in its substance in such a manner that one thread was apportioned to each vertical row of stamps. It is probable that the use of this paper pre-

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vented the adoption of perforation which, at that period, was in general use.

There is a well-known minor variety of the 1kr in which the numeral in the upper right hand corner has a distinct colored stroke across the centre.

On January 1st 1868, a new postal arrangement was made with the North German Confederation, Wurtemberg, and Baden involving a postal rate of 7kr. Later this rate was extended to include the agreements with Denmark and Belgium and the natural outcome was the issue of a 7 kreuzer stamp. The issue of this new value was announced in a Government decree dated August 30th, 1868, and at the same time it was decreed that the color of the 6kr would be changed to brown so as to avoid confusion with the 7kr. These new varieties were placed on sale on October 1st and a month later the 9kr was withdrawn from use and the 6kr in the old color of blue was demonetised. The new 7kr value was similar in design, impression, and paper to the other denominations of the series.

All values of this issue are said to exist on laid paper and as such are recorded in Scott's catalogue. M. Moens, in a note in his catalogue observed that "the paper is found with fine lines resembling laid paper." It seems quite certain that the variety is not a true laid paper but is merely due to some slight imperfection in manufacture. The "laid" and "wove" varieties may be found on the same sheet and the former is generally considered of such minor importance as to be hardly worthy the attention of even an extreme specialist. It would, therefore, appear that the "laid" paper varieties are hardly worthy of catalogue rank.

Most of the stamps of this issue provide considerable variation in shade.



Reference List.

- 1867-68. Embossed. Silk thread in paper. Imperf.
15. 1kr green, Scott's No. 15 or 15a.
 16. 3kr rose, Scott's No. 16.
 17. 6kr blue, Scott's No. 17.
 18. 9kr bistre, Scott's No. 21.
 19. 7kr blue, Scott's No. 22.
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CHAPTER XXXIX.

Two Cents, Issue of 1875-79.

Unlike many of the other common stamps of the United States the 2 cent vermilion is free from interesting varieties. Usually the average collection will show two or perhaps four specimens, the ones printed on hard and on soft papers. Even with the most diligent and exhaustive research a well filled page is difficult to complete.

When we study this stamp closely we find that it is interesting, and is worthy of much consideration. While it is remarkably free from plate varieties, there are several shades and a few paper characteristics which commend it to the specialist as a rather fruitful field for research.

It was this same common stamp printed in vermilion which first started the writer to value the year date cancellation. An ardent collector friend one day showed me a copy of the stamp, on soft paper, which plainly bore a cancellation of October 12, 1878. This was about six months before the Continental Bank Note Company consolidated with the American Bank Note Company. Previous philatelic history had taught me that the latter concern had a monopoly on the soft paper printings, and that the soft paper test was an infallible sign of American Bank Note Company's print. The appearance of this indisputable year date, two and a half months before the close of 1878, upon a stamp of undeniably soft paper set me thinking.

The only solution I could arrive at was that a mistake must have been made by the postmaster in arranging the date in his stamp. A few weeks later another specimen appeared, dated Nov. 2, 1878, and issued from a postoffice not near the first. A third specimen, cancelled in Newark, N. J., October 14 or 15—last figure rather indistinct—but 1878 very plain, settled it in my mind that this stamp at least had been printed and issued by the Continental Bank Note Co., before its consolidation with the American.

A 3 cent, cancelled at Pepperell, Mass., in 1878; a 5 cent blue from New Haven,

Conn., December 7, 1878, a 30 cent stamp from Washington, D. C., Nov. 28, 1878, and later several other specimens on soft paper, cancelled the same year, and with late months, convinced me that soft paper, for a little while at least had been used by the Continental people for stamp printing purposes. With these facts in mind I still maintain that some stamps of Continental print were printed in 1878 on soft paper.

The stamp first appeared in June 1875, when the color was changed from red brown to vermilion. Mr. Luff, in his most instructive work on the United States stamps, classifies the shades as follows: orange vermilion, vermilion, scarlet vermilion, deep scarlet vermilion.

The stamp was printed from plates No. 161 to 169, inclusive, and 234, 241, and 242, all of which had previously been used to print the 2 cent brown stamps. Plates 245, 246, 296 and 297 were made later for the vermilion stamps.

Known varieties are: Imperforate, ribbed and double paper.

The stamp is catalogued as being grilled by the Continental shaped embossing for legal purposes. It is not so mentioned in Mr. Luff's book, and there has been expressed doubts as to its genuineness in this form.

On Feb. 4, 1879, the American Bank Note Company took over the contract held by the Continental Bank Note Company, and issued the stamps on soft paper. At first the Continental plates were employed, Nos. 296 and 297 having been used. Later, new plates were made, numbered 338, 339, 391, 392, 393, 394, 412, and 413. The new company changed the imprint to the name of its own company.

No accurate records are available of the number of stamps in vermilion issued to the government by the American Bank Note Co. So, too, is history lacking in the separation of the vermilion and brown two cent stamps printed by the Continental Bank Note Company.

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The Central Stamp Exchange of Chicago, Ill., takes space this week and will be with us regularly in the future. The Exchange is endorsed by Mr. Severn of that city and this of itself is a sufficient guarantee that all obligations assumed will be faithfully carried out. We give our new advertiser a cordial welcome to our columns.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

DISCURSIVE NOTES.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

It is believed that a subject, sustained to infinity, sometime would be interesting to the many. Again, it is known a few paragraphs, without connecting thought, prove entertaining to the few. Under which banner I choose to enlist, the following paragraphs will prove. They differ in no way from the title, and are merely discursive notes about stamps and stamp-men, who, like the poor, both in purse and wit, are always with us. . . . And so I plunge in.

Any callow youth with a toy printing press can readily become editor and publisher of a paper masquerading under the cognomen "philatelic." The Tiffany library was full of these Volumes-One-Numbers-One-Two-Three-and out. The Lord Crawford library, which absorbed the Tiffany collection, added to the crime, for which no punishment can be met. The saving clause, "the few leading journals," gives one pause. Every last one of these trivial sheets which flutters its rags in the philatelic breeze considers itself a born leader, when the fact is they were all stillborn and never led anything unless it were a merry chase after advertising and subscriptions amongst the gullible.

If only there were concentration! A half dozen fairly excellent magazines could be evolved from the half hundred papers now vaunting editorial ambitions. But do not anticipate this millennium. It smacks too much of elimination; and egoism, divorced from a means of exploit, would soon cause the looked-for but ever-denied eclipse.

The warning, in a recent issue of the WEEKLY, against sending approval selections to boys in the lower part of New York city, recalls the statement of a dealer friend half a dozen years ago:

"I never send approval selections to New York city, unless to some one known to me. There is a gang of boys and young men there who are out to rob every dealer unwise enough to comply with their requests. These persons have access to philatelic publications and boys' papers and every dealer who advertises is chosen victim."

This is one instance wherein advertising does not pay!

There is one truthful dealer. He has informed me regretfully that he can't possibly fill a want list of United States stamps in the condition desired, for the very excellent reason that the stamps are not to be found outside collections. This dealer sent a few stamps to prove his contention, showing the grade of condition. These were the pick of his stock. Five years ago he would have been laughed to scorn. A year ago he would have been merely ignored. Today one buys—regretfully. If it is the best one can do,—well, one cannot wait forever.

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328a 6c carm., imp.	.06	.08	.15
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EDITORIAL.

Keep in Mind—August is convention time and then comes the great exhibition in New York. The convention of the American Philatelic Society is a fitting prelude to the event of the philatelic year. The convention and the exhibition will serve as proclamations to the public that philately flourishes. The progressive collector of stamps should identify himself with the two occasions, as it is through his support that the triumphs are made possible. This year of all years is the one in which the collector should make the connection between himself and the convention and the exhibition by attending them. Everything is being done by the committees having the work of preparation in charge at both attractions to invite success which can be assured only by a good attendance.

In Ward Thirteen—Said the Attendant at the Asylum for the Addled: "Honest, I have to laugh myself when I think of that latest arrival over there. It seems that once he bought a used stamp that turned out to have a tear in it. The thought of how he had overlooked the defect grew on him until the buying of a single used stamp became a surgical operation almost. As a buyer of stamps, his equipment included glass, tongs, millimeter scales, and what not but no complaint was made by his relatives until he bought

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Still With Us—Count Lapp De Booz is speaking: "I was seeking an unknown poison of the greatest virulence in remote Ipiray to enrich toxicology, as I had reason to think that it was to be discovered there in a variety of bee found only in that obscure land. I was pursuing one of these bees when a band of natives captured me and dragged me before their ruler. When the Begull saw me, fierce lightnings darted from his eyes and he ordered that as the sun went down, I was to be the target for poisoned arrow practice. I was conducted to the open and hobbled to a stake. I had taken my little book of duplicates from my pocket for a last look at my treasures. As I gazed at the seven centesimos, Uruguay, 1901, with its picture of luscious fruit in profusion, I decided to use the stamp to attract the poison bees. Holding the specimen in my fingers, the bees soon alighted on it to be caught easily. Removing the terrible poison from the insects, I bided my time when I scattered the poison, which was now powdered, right and left, with instant and deadly effect; and it was then no trick to escape. I have become somewhat of a specialist in Uruguay stamps, in consequence."

Stamped—A collector who was "on the spot" tells of the assassination recently of President Arango of Salvador in a letter dated San Salvador, April 4th, 1913, that has been received: "I suppose that you have heard that the president of this republic has been assassinated. My wife and I were in the park when it happened. I never knew that I could run so fast. When the shots started to fly, we dropped behind a bench that I thought was of stone until a bullet went through it cleanly about six inches from my right ear. I thought that it was about time for bed and figuring that a straight line was the shortest distance between two points, I slid between the iron posts of the park fence and crossed the street to our hotel. My wife got through all right as she weighs about one hundred pounds but can you imagine me getting through a space of about ten inches? I did though and never lost a button. Things are a bit calmer now and I can proceed with my collection. Everything in the way of news that we get here is twisted out of shape by the censors, who do not allow anything to be published that they consider inimical to the country's welfare."

Something New—An idea whose merit by no means is wholly in its origi-

nality, we believe, is offered by Wilmot Corfield in the *London Philatelist*. He proposes that a sign or device be adopted that should be used only with the authority of the Postal Union, which includes practically all the countries of the world. As for the subject, Mr. Corfield suggests for favorable consideration, a monogram, the arms of Berne or, what in his opinion is an appropriate symbol, the "Svastika" of the east. Mr. Corfield has noticed that the corner ornaments of stamps often are meaningless and without character; and likewise the watermarks. Consequently, for the top corners of the stamps of the Postal Union countries he advocates a "Svastika" and for the lower corners, "Royal (or other cypher)." For the watermarks: alternately "Svastika" and cypher. Both devices would be hallmarks of authority, it is claimed whose reproduction would be illegal and they would serve their purpose as distinctively as the "broad arrow." In illustrating the stamps, their corners would have to be in a dead black so as to evade the proscription of the use of the symbol. We should like to see Mr. Corfield's suggestion given due attention by the Postal Union officers. The Svastika is the fylfot—the Greek cross with arms continued at right angles—or Swastika, as it is called usually in this country, that ancient symbol that has been used so widely that its precise import is not established.

It Poured—In another column there is a letter from Mr. Joseph Beifeld whose stamp labels commemorating the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, were offered to those readers of the WEEKLY who would write for them. Before publishing his generous proposal, we warned Mr. Beifeld that in all probability he would receive a hundred or more requests for the stamps. We cannot believe that he was prepared for the deluge of mail that resulted, as we were not; but nevertheless, Mr. Beifeld has kept his word to the letter and has sent out well over a thousand sets to our subscribers. We predict that the end is not yet but that for months to come, Mr. Beifeld will be pursued with requests from readers near and far for those stamps. We believe that we have impressed Mr. Beifeld with the fact that the vitality of philately to-day is unimpaired and that the good old days of the late 60's when Mr. Beifeld was a power in philately have been succeeded by even better ones. It may be added that Mr. Beifeld's offer to send a set of stamps to each applicant is still open and he has requested us to give him a list of the other stamp papers in this country as it is his intention to send their editors sets of the stamps and at the same time invite them to tell their readers that they, too, may have the labels for the asking.

An Illustrious Roll—M. P. Castle, M. V. O., J. P. has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of the Earl of Crawford, president of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, and E. D. Bacon has been chosen vice-president. Twice Mr. Castle was vice-

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I still have the first stamp I ever saw; or, at least, the first one to which my attention was definitely attracted. It is a two-cent Columbian, and so far as I know it has no secret marks or missing lines. I was four years old when it came into my possession, and the fascination of its queer little picture and strangely perforated edges prompted me to keep it safely hidden away. My sister was saving canceled stamps for some invalid, taking part in one of those endless chain affairs which used to be so common, and when I saw her tear the oblong two-center from the corner of a letter she had just received from a friend I begged it for myself. That was my start as a collector.

Later I saved all the stamps I could get, regardless of condition or duplication. The bright colors and the pictures appealed to me. When I was seven or eight I had about forty varieties pasted neatly down in a shabby little medical memorandum book. I had never seen a foreign stamp. During the Spanish-American War I secured some proprietary revenues from the medicine bottles that were bought for family use, and their novelty revived my waning interest. I was now getting old enough to enjoy reading the *Youth's Companion* and other magazines for children, then in circulation, and it was not long until I began to see small advertisements announcing that "a hundred different foreign stamps from Ceylon, Egypt, etc., and a pocket album, will be mailed for ten cents." At eight, perhaps my greatest desire was to secure this little insignificant packet. It would have meant more to me then than would ten thousand rarities now.

My wish was never gratified. I was never given any pocket money, more than a few cents at a time, because my parents could not afford it. At Christmas I had a dollar or two, but what boy could think of stamps during that glorious season of noise and out-door sports? Time drifted on, my wishes were lulled, and at the age of twelve my desire to see and possess some foreign stamps was still unfulfilled.

In those days there came a turn of fortune for me. On Saturday evenings, and sometimes on Sundays I regret to say, I would go out for long tramps through the woods, or on long fishing excursions. A negro friend had taught me how and where to find ginseng and the sale of the roots I would find netted me quite a little sum of spending money. The dried ginseng roots could be sold for five dollars per pound. It was my first way of earning my own money, and I still find pleasure in going to some densely wooded hill and searching for the Chinese weed. With this money I bought books and subscribed for papers; but, although I still thought of forming a big collection of stamps later on, somehow I neglected the matter even when I had the necessary money. Desire long ungratified will become dull as the years go by, and perhaps die altogether unless new stimulation is received.

One day while out on a fishing trip I ran across an old Indian village site. When I went home that night my pockets were bulging with treasures and I carried a hatful in my hands. There were long red jasper spearheads, and broad white quartz arrowheads, and little sharp-pointed blue quartz drills, but of course I did not know the difference then. They were all "arrowheads" to me. In some manner a sample copy of a general collector's magazine had come to me a few weeks before, and I had noticed advertisements of Indian relics for sale among its pages. I

think the rate was ten cents per line; at any rate I spent all of my remaining ginseng money on a simple little notice stating that I had relics for sale. A few days later I found another village site, and it was not long until I had a really valuable stock. I did not realize their true value and sold them for very small prices. Perhaps I was the first one to put relics from my section of the state on the collecting market; at any rate I found I could sell more than I could find. I was a magnate among boys of the neighborhood.

Some of the first money I received through the mails for Indian relics I spent with a reliable stamp firm for an Imperial album. It was a wonderful book to me. Some boy stamp dealer saw my little Indian relic advertisement and taking it for granted, I presume, that I must also necessarily be interested in philately, fired a batch of unsolicited approvals at me. I kept all the stamps and asked for more. That is the only unsolicited approval selection I have ever found justification for. There were two sheets cataloguing one dollar, valued at thirty-five cents net, and it seemed to me that I was getting the mines of Golconda for my paltry third of a dollar; but when I mounted the forty stamps in my little Imperial album they seemed to be all swallowed up. I began to crave more and more, and to look about for new ways of adding to my collection.

About that time I received a letter from Roy Farrell Greene, a philatelic poet and a prince of good fellows. He wrote me that he would be glad to exchange good foreign stamps for some Indian relics. I responded with a trial box of a dozen or so, and a liberal selection of stamps came in return. Our exchange relations continued for months, perhaps years, and it was through his kindness that I began to build up a nice little collection in the right way. I bought only sparingly from the approval lots sent me for cash sales, for there were many other things I needed. I bought and paid for a bicycle, a gun, and a violin, all with my own earnings, and at the end of the year my collection numbered only a little more than a thousand varieties. Still, it contained good stamps that you rarely find in the beginner's collection, thanks to Mr. Greene.

Another great wish of mine was to go to high school at the county seat town. It was finally arranged, but it required much economy and raking and scraping of money. I must sell my stamp collection! I made the deal by mail across a thousand miles of intervening mountains and plains, and the two dollars it brought paid two weeks tuition for me. I learned in those two weeks perhaps one-tenth of what I had learned in making the collection they represented. The boy who collects stamps is usually a good student, however. If he is trained in the right way he is usually a good man, cultured and refined. Stamp collecting is not a pastime of the lower classes. There is so much of sentiment and romance, and so much in it that appeals to the imagination, that coarser natures are rarely interested.

Afterwards I began another collection, and I have always been more or less interested in various lines of philately since that time, although not always an active collector. There are times when the hours drag slowly unless my stamps are at hand. When the day's work is over and my eyes have not yet become heavy-lidded, perhaps on account of the worries of every-day business or the cares of family life, there is nothing more soothing than a half hour spent among my album's leaves.

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some that I know and some of which I can only imagine. The older stamps of our own country, especially those of the Confederate States on original covers, have an appeal to me that has never been equalled except, perhaps, by my little two dollar collection of a decade ago. There is more or less of wanderlust in all of us, and every tiny label I have from foreign lands whets that passion wonderfully. With me, every hobby is a passion, and philately and travel are among my leading hobbies. I have cards and envelopes that I mailed myself from Canada, Mexico and Cuba, and when I view the pictorial issues of Jamaica, New Zealand, and other far-away countries and colonies, I picture the time when I shall see those wonders, too, and live leisurely hours among them as I have done in the mountains of British Columbia and the tropical avenues of Historic Havana.

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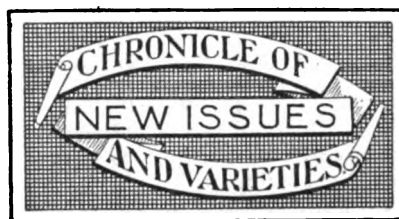
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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldridge lists the following new precancels:

Scranton, Pa.—Two lines (SCRANTON—PENNA) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals between two lines, 15 mm. apart, lines 1¼ mm. thick, type very similar to previous one, only letters are thicker. 1c, 1913, Parcel Post.

Kansas City, Mo.—Two lines (KANSAS CITY—MISSOURI) horizontal inscription in capitals with serifs, between two lines 12 mm. apart, and 1 mm. in thickness. 1c & 2c, 1913, Parcel Post, 1c, KANSAS CIT MISSOURI.

Scott's Circular has the following under the head of "Stamps on Parcel Post Mail":

"Judging from the packages of stamps we receive, neither collectors nor postmasters are aware of the fact that postage stamps cannot legally be sent by Parcel Post. They are printed matter, or, in other words, 'books', and must go at book rate. On the other hand, stamp albums, according to the Government's ruling, are not books, but merchandise, and therefore are mailable by Parcel Post. We wish we could think of a Latin or French quotation that would fit this situation. We simply can't."

AUSTRALIA.—Whitfield King & Co. show us two of the higher values of the Kangaroo set. Unlike the other values previously chronicled, these are printed in two colors. This only serves to still further accentuate the absurd figure of the Kangaroo, while the colors themselves would find a more suitable place on a circus poster.

Adhesives.
5sh yellow and gray.
10sh pink and gray.

BERMUDA.—Benedict Prieth sends us the 2d gray, as chronicled in No. 1168.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—We are indebted to Hermann Focke, Dr. Roy F. DeSart, and Whitfield King & Co., for specimens and information regarding the new British Honduras King George stamps. Whitfield King & Co. send specimens of the 1c, 2c, 10c, 25c, and 50c values, and Dr. DeSart the 1c and

2c values. Our Ipswich friends state that the Belize Postmaster writes that all the King Edward stamps have been withdrawn, and are to be destroyed at an early date. All the new stamps are in the type of the 5c, chronicled in No. 1161. There are also \$1, \$2 and \$5 values, which we have not yet seen.

Adhesives.

1c gray green.
2c carmine.
10c lilac and olive green.
25c black on green.
50c lilac and blue on blue.

CANADA.—Sometime since we chronicled the current 1c and 2c stamps as issued in coils, and perforated horizontally 8. The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the same values, also in coils, but perforated 8 vertically.

FRENCH COLONIES.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us specimens of the recent surcharges, having a strongly marked variety. Practically all of the 108 varieties recently chronicled have this variety. The variety has the surcharged figures 3/64 of an inch apart, where the normal space is only 1/32 of an inch.

GREAT BRITAIN.—According to a statement recently made in the House of Commons by the Postmaster General, a series of Postage Due stamps will be introduced at an early date.

In several newspapers the statement has been made that the new Royal Cipher watermark recently introduced for the stamps of Great Britain will be adopted by the Crown Agents for the Colonial stamps printed to their order in place of the multiple "Crown CA" watermark. Official contradiction of this rumour comes through a curious channel—the *Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung* which in its current issue publishes a letter from the Colonial Office:

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt . . . to inform you that there is no foundation for the report that the watermark now used in the new postage stamps of the United Kingdom will be substituted for the Crown agents' multiple in the case of new issues of stamps for the British Colonies. . . —HENRY LAMBERT, for the Under-Secretary of State.

GREECE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1l value lithographed and overprinted "Lemnos." The 5l, 10l, and 25l have previously been seen lithographed.

MALTA.—The *Colonial Office Journal* states that the next issue of Malta 4d is to be in a dark green color. The St. Paul's shipwreck design will be used for the 10sh stamp only and the 2sh and 5sh values will be similar to the Nyassaland of 1908. The 4d stamp will be of the Grand Harbor design.

MONTENEGRO.—Whitfield King & Co. show us a used copy of the 5pa of the new set chronicled in No. 1167.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Hermann Focke has shown us a new reply letter card from the Island, the stamp and inscription at the top being the same as the 1c card recently chronicled. The reply card is smaller and folded within the sending card. Both have the arms of the Colony on reverse in a fancy frame, with "Newfoundland" and "This card may be transmitted only within the Island" below. The return card has an additional three line inscription on the reverse, reading: "If anything be enclosed in this Letter Card it will be treated as an insufficiently paid letter, if not already prepaid at that rate. Notwithstanding the above limitation to the Island mails, the specimen before us passed through the foreign mail and was delivered in New York without the imposition of an unpaid letter tax."

Letter Card.

2x2c carmine on bluish gray.

NICARAGUA.—Dr. Roy F. Desart reports having received a cover from El Bluff, Nicaragua, franked with a revenue, Scott's type A 19, 25c yellow, hand stamped "B" in purple. Dr. Desart does not say whether the usual "Dpto. Zelaya" is omitted or not.

A SLOT MACHINE GRILL.

By A. P. S. No. 3633.

The ultra-specialist in United States stamps has further cause for rejoicing in a new variety of the current issue of the one cent and two cents, although this time Uncle Samuel is not the guilty one. It happens that the slot machines now in use by the Red Cross Society, and which grinds out the two stamps above mentioned, are provided with a mechanism by means of which the stamps are fed to the one who drops his nickel in the receiver, and in so doing the stamps are neatly "grilled" from one end of the strip to the other. The "grill" ranges from 2 mm. to 2½ mm. in width. The stamps mentioned are part-perforate 8½, and those the writer has extracted from the device bear the vertical perforation only. It may be said, for the benefit of those who may not have seen the "machines," that the one-cent stamps are delivered to the user in strips of four, while the two-centers are provided in pairs, in each case the purchaser being given a Red Cross label as "change" for his nickel.

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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from P. W. Fuller.

—We have failed to note the appearance of the *New Yorker Briefmarken Zeitung*, described as the only German stamp paper in the U. S. It is a very pretentious monthly magazine of sixteen pages and is published by Stephen Stern, 16 E. 23 St., N. Y. City. It bears the marks of enterprise and we have no doubt a sample copy will be sent to any of our readers who request the same. We add this paper to our exchange list with a good deal of pleasure.

—We have received from W. R. Ricketts the section of his "Philatelic Literature Bibliography Index" from British West Indies" to "Carter, H."

—It has been reported in the general press that a set of stamps is to be issued in connection with the International Dry Farming Congress to be held at Tulsa, Okla. next fall. We are in receipt of a letter from the Third Assistant Postmaster General saying that no steps have been taken in this direction.

—R. A. Haden of Soochow, China, calls our attention to the fact that there is a considerable variety in the surcharged Republic stamps, not only in the

color of the ink used but in the irregularity of the placing of the overprint. He writes that in the same sheet, whatever the denomination, these varieties of surcharges can be found, especially so with the lower denominations, 1/2c, 1c, 2c, 3c and 4c

—We have received from Arthur W. Line, Pomona, Cal., an oddity consisting of a cover mailed in Sierra Madre, Cal., and bearing a 2c green Mexico stamp doing service as a 1c U. S. Freaks of this kind are occasionally sent us and they may be charged up to carelessness of P. O. officials.

—The New Orleans Stamp Club is meeting regularly every month and has decided to meet throughout the summer. At the May meeting in addition to the regular meeting a collation was served. The club is well advertised in the *Picayune* and we are indebted to E. Foster for a clipping.

—A. C. Roessler advises us as follows in relation to two British Colonial sets:—Bermuda 2d gray, ship type, was issued May 7, and the set now stands 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 6d and 1sh. Turks Island George set is now complete and consists of the following values:—1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 6d, 1, 2, 3sh.

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Jamaica, Among the Llandoveries
Mauritius, 1848-59 Locally Eng. and Litho.
Mauritius, 20th Century
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Trinidad, Stamps of, by Bacon
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A RARE CONFEDERATE.

There is probably no Confederate provisional adhesive stamp about which so little is known as the two Greenville issues, 5-cent and 10-cent, Scott Nos. 51 and 52. The writer had frequently said in the past that he had seen every Confederate stamp illustrated in the catalogue except a Greenville. A photograph or two of the 5-cent stamp has been finally located, but no trace of a 10-cent one could ever be found except the illustration in the catalogue, which has been there for several decades. It is possible that only one or perhaps two copies are known to exist. It seems certain that no prominent American collector has ever been able to obtain a specimen, as it is lacking in the three or four largest collections with which we are acquainted. Possibly when the stamp was first discovered it was sold in Europe, and at the same time included in the catalogue where it has remained for many years without another copy coming to light. It is also possible that the copy above illustrated is the only one ever known to exist, and that it was catalogued from this specimen.—*Philatelic Gazette*.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by HERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE. Bavaria.

THE FIFTH ISSUE.

Although, as we have previously observed, Bavaria was the first of the German States to issue postage stamps it was the last to make use of any provision for their easy separation. This was apparently due to the fact that the silk-thread paper was considered such an excellent safeguard against counterfeiting that the authorities were loth to give it up. At last, however, the obvious convenience of perforation made its adoption indispensable and the silk-thread paper was replaced by a new watermarked paper. A Government Notice dated June 12th, 1870, stated that a new issue of postage stamps of the values of 1, 3, 6, 7, 12, and 18 kreuzer would be made and issued as soon as existing stocks of the old series were exhausted. It was stated that the paper would no longer contain the red silk threads and that the stamps would have the edges indented, but no mention was made of the watermark. The stamps were ready for issue on July 1st, and were placed on sale just as quickly as the corresponding values of the imperforate series were sold out. The same plates were used, and the same colors were retained, the differences being confined to the watermark and perforation. The watermark consisted of a number of crossed lines forming a diamond pattern generally known as "lozenges." There are two varieties of this watermark in one of which the diamonds or lozenges are 17 mm. wide, while in the other they are narrower and only measure 14 mm. in width. Gibbons catalogues both varieties in full applying much higher prices to the variety with narrower lozenges. Both, however, occurred on the same sheet so that the philatelic importance of the differences is not particularly great. The paper was intended to be horizontally laid but on the majority of specimens it is exceedingly difficult to find any trace of the laid lines, though they are generally quite plain on the margins of the sheets. This appears to be due to the fact that the intersecting lines forming the lattice watermark were so much heavier than the "laid" lines on the dandy roll that they received most of the pressure and, consequently, while they were deeply indented into the paper the horizontal lines of wire to which they were stitched made no impression at all. The paper is, therefore, best described as wove.

As the same plates were used as for the 1867-68 series it follows that the stamps were printed in sheets of sixty divided into two panes of thirty each.

The perforating machine was so constructed that an entire pane of thirty stamps was perforated at one operation, the gauge being 11½.

In 1872 certain revisions were made in the postal tariff a Post-office Notice dated November 30th, stating that for the future the rate on single letters to France, Great Britain, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Constantinople, and the United States via Bremen or Hamburg, would be 9 kreuzer; and that the rate to Italy, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, Alexandria, and the United States via Cologne, would be 10 kreuzer. As these rates could not be made up by existing values except by the use of two stamps it was announced that labels of these denominations would be issued. At the same time it was stated that owing to the limited use for the 12 kreuzer stamp no more of this value would be printed. On December 31st the provisions of this Notice came into effect the 12kr being withdrawn and the new 9 and 10 kreuzer stamps being placed on sale. Of these the 9kr was printed in pale brown and the 10kr in yellow. The plates were of similar size to those of the other de-

nominations and the paper and perforation were also similar.

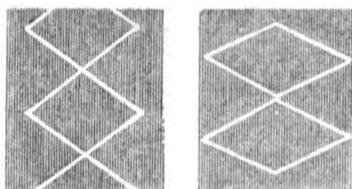
Late in 1876 Bavaria, in common with many of the other German States, decided to make a clean sweep of its obsolete postage stamps, envelopes, etc. According to an article in the *Monthly Journal* the lot was placed on sale in October, 1876, and in addition to a list of the quantities of the different varieties a lengthy note was added of which the following is a summary:

All these articles, which were withdrawn from use on January 1st, 1876, have been stamped with an obliteration dated June 30th of that year; no reprints will be made; offers may be submitted for the whole stock, for the whole of one or more kinds, or for fixed quantities of different kinds separately. Offers must be sent in by January 1st, 1867, after which the Government will announce its decision. Preference will be given to the largest offers.

No account will be taken of tenders submitted by firms or individuals who have no domicile in Germany or Austria-Hungary, unless they are vouched for by some firm domiciled in Bavaria, and of sufficiently high standing.

The entire lot was purchased by Mr. G. Zedmeier, of Nuremberg, though the price paid was not made public. The lot included the following remainders of the issue we are now discussing:—

6kr bistre,	171,600
9kr pale brown,	174,000
12kr mauve,	3,000



Reference List.

1870-72.	Embossed. Wmk. crossed lines.	Perf. 11½.
23.	1kr green, Scott's No. 23.	
24.	3kr rose, Scott's No. 24.	
25.	6kr bistre, Scott's No. 25.	
26.	7kr blue, Scott's No. 26.	
27.	9kr pale brown, Scott's No. 27.	
28.	10kr yellow, Scott's No. 28.	
29.	12kr mauve, Scott's No. 29.	
30.	18kr red, Scott's No. 30.	

THE SIXTH ISSUE.

On August 5th, 1874, a new stamp of 1 mark was issued, the value being expressed in Imperial currency. This denomination was specially intended for the prepayment of the rate on large parcels and packages within the Union of the German States. The die was engraved on steel by Herr P. Reiss, medal coiner to the mint, and the stamps were printed at the Mint of Munich. The design shows the Royal Arms, with supporters, surmounted by a crown and resting on a scroll pattern base. Above the crown is "BAYERN" in a curve, and under the base "MARK" in large capitals, the whole being embossed on a ground of solid color. In each of the four corners the value is expressed by a large "1" embossed in white on a disc of horizontal lines.

The plate was constructed in the same way as those for the other values but consisted of fifty stamps arranged in five horizontal rows of ten. The same watermarked paper was used but as the stamps were of extra large size (measuring 25 mm. by 21 mm.) the impression fell very irregularly over the watermark, the paper, of course, being originally intended for stamps of much smaller size.

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such large stamps. A new machine was ordered capable of perforating an entire sheet of fifty stamps at a time and on April 1st, 1875, the perforated stamps made their appearance. The gauge is similar to that of the lower values, viz. 11½.



Reference List.

1874-75.	Embossed. Wmk. crossed lines.
31.	1 mark mauve, Imperf., Scott's No. 31.
32.	1 mark mauve, Perf. 11½, Scott's No. 32.

(To be continued.)

THE TIBET ISSUE.

We are indebted to A. R. Lamb, Howrah, India for information in connection with the set of Tibetan stamps issued by the Dalai Lama. The native characters common to all the stamps are described by Mr. Lamb as follows:—

"Phoi Shung"—Tibetan Government.
"Yig"—stamp!

Then comes the value of each stamp, which reads:—

"Then tam-cheg"—1 rupee (Tibetan)=6a.
"Then sho-gang"—two-thirds rupee=4a.
"Then che-gye"—one-half rupee=3a.
"Then kan-sum"—one-third rupee=2a.
"Then Kha-gang"—one-sixth rupee=1a.

Mr. Lamb goes on to say:—"Though these stamps have been, or are supposed to be, issued for postage purposes, they are only available from the Lhasa Post Office, and from no other place in Tibet as yet. The present issue is not likely to have a very long stay as I was told that the Dalai Lama had not approved of them when he was staying at Kalimpong."

A most interesting feature of this issue is the large postmark used by the Lhasa Post Office. We should be very glad to reproduce the same in the WEEKLY were it not for the fact that it is so indistinct that it would be impossible to procure a good cut.

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It may interest prospective buyers to have a few of the stamps in the packet described; these have been taken at random from the 700 varieties and represent high, and lower values.

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1909, 20 cents, violet.....		.12
50 " olive bistre.....		.25
20 " dull blue.....		.25
1911, 5c on 2c green (1902).....		.14
1912, 1c blue, (fiscal) surcharged for postage		.05
Correos 1912, red.....		.06
Correos 1912 on 10c orange, fiscal.....		.06
5c yellow.....		.06
2c green.....		.05

CHILE		Catalogue
1892, 1 peso, dark brown and black.....		.15
1902, 30 cents, violet.....		.06
1905, 50 cents, ultramarine and black.....		.08
1910, Island of "Juan Fernandez" new value		
on stamps 1905 issue.....		.03
5 cents on 12c lake and gray.....		.05
10c on 1p gold green and gray.....		.10
20c on 1p.....		.10

Jubilee Issue		Catalogue
1910, 10c gray brown and black.....		.04
15 cents, slate and black.....		.10
President Set		Catalogue
1911, 3 cents, sepia brown.....		.03
4 " dark sepia.....		.03
5 " dark blue.....		.04
10 " gray black.....		.05
10 " blue and black.....		.04
15 " violet and black.....		.15
20 " orange and black.....		.12

COSTA RICA		Catalogue
1905, 1c on 20c diagonal surcharge.....		.25
1910, 1c on 10c blue, red.....		.10
1c on 25c violet.....		.05
5c on 5c, orange.....		.10
1911, Habilitado on 10c blue and black.....		.10
1c red brown and black.....		.05
2c yellow green and black.....		.06
5c yellow and blue.....		.05

CUBA		Catalogue
1899, 10c orange Special Delivery.....		.20
1908, 50c gray blue and black.....		.25

ECUADOR		Catalogue
1872, 1 real, orange.....		.20
1895, 5 sucres, dark blue.....		1.25
1901, 50 cents, light blue and black.....		.25
1 sucre, brown and black.....		.30
1904, 5 cents, yellow and black.....		.10
10 " red and black.....		.18
1907, 50 cents, violet and black.....		.30
1 sucre, green and black.....		.60

Triangle Issue		Catalogue
1907, 1 cent, brown.....		.03
2 " blue and black.....		.06
5 " lake and black.....		.12
10 " yellow and black.....		.12

Independence Issue		Catalogue
1909, 3 cents, orange.....		.05
10 " yellow brown.....		.10
5 " on 50 cents, vermillion.....		.25

Surcharged on Revenue stamps,		Catalogue
1 cent on 5c green.....		.05
1911, Regular issue, 1 cent, scarlet and black		.02
5 cent scarlet red and black.....		.05

GUATEMALA		Catalogue
1902, 20c rose lilac and black.....		.04
50c red brown and blue.....		.06
1 peso, brown and black.....		.18
1903, 25c on 1c dark green.....		.08
1907, 12 1/2c ultramarine and black.....		.03
1911, 25 cents, blue and black.....		.10

HONDURAS		Catalogue
1907, 20 cents ultramarine.....		.15
1911, 20 cents yellow.....		.20

PARAGUAY, Official		Catalogue
1902, *1 peso, olive green, Official.....		.30
20c carmine.....		.08
30c deep blue.....		.10
1908, 10c violet.....		.10

PARAGUAY, Centenary		Catalogue
1911, 20c olive green and Indigo.....		.08
50c lilac and Indigo.....		.10
75c olive green and red lilac.....		.15

PERU		Catalogue
1907, 4c green.....		.06
20c dark green and black.....		.06
50c black.....		.15
1909, 10c deep blue.....		.03

SALVADOR		Catalogue
1907, 5c blue and black.....		.06
10c violet and black.....		.06
24c rose and black.....		.18
1910, 4c carmine and black.....		.05
6c scarlet and black.....		.06
1911, No. 391, 5c deep blue and brown		.08
392, 6c orange and brown.....		.08
1912, 5c scarlet and black.....		.02
1c deep blue and black.....		.06
6c dark green and black.....		.06

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CHAPTER XL.

5 Cents, Issue of 1875-1882.

The treaty of Berne, in 1875, by whose terms the rate of International postage was made five cents, created a requirement for a stamp of the denomination of five cents. Designs were hurriedly submitted, as hastily approved, and the order to make a die and plates for the new stamp was given to the Continental Bank Note Company. The stamp was issued on or about June 21, 1875. This design, a full faced portrait of "Zach" Taylor, had previously been used upon a tobacco stamp of the denomination of six cents. It is far from being an artistic piece of work, and while it is a bit handsomer than the 2 cent stamp of 1862, with Jackson's face portrayed, yet it is considered one of the ugliest productions of the generally handsome series of stamps issued by this government.

While this stamp has never been considered very prolific in varieties, yet there are sufficient differences to make it an interesting stamp for the average specialist. To the very studious it possesses quite a wide field, in that there are various engravers' marks which indicate operations of the stamp makers, not apparent upon the face of the stamps to the casual examiner.

Two plates were made at first, being numbered 243 and 244. The demand for this denomination made it necessary to increase the printing output, and plates 247 and 248 were soon after made. Later plate number 284 was constructed, and the last plate made by the Continental Bank Note Company was number 306.

Mr. Luff gives as shades: blue, dark blue, greenish blue and deep greenish blue. I have seen several copies in a shade darker than dark blue, which might be called a blackish blue.

This stamp is catalogued by Scott as having been grided with the Continental grille, for legal purposes. Mr. Luff, in his work on the stamps of the United States, makes no mention of this. I have seen a copy which was embossed, and appeared to be regular, but should hesitate to include it as grided without further evidence.

Paper varieties are: vertical ribbed, horizontal ribbed, double paper.

THE ISLAND OF SAMOS STAMPS.

By G. W. SULMAN.

I have just returned from an extended trip to the far East and found awaiting me a large number of stamp journals. After perusing these carefully, I was struck with the lack of knowledge displayed regarding the issues of the Greeks for the island of Samos. I submit the following facts regarding three issues which were current during my visit to the island in March. First there was an issue to commemorate the capture of the island from Turkey which took place in November 1912. Turkey having held the island from the Greeks since August 1824. This issue was a very small one and all the stamps were initialed J. S. by

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5 " olive	

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1 lepta, grey	25 lepta, blue
5 " green	50 " brown
10 " red	

These were only in use a short time when they appeared with the surcharge "Hellas" as follows:

1 lepta, grey	25 lepta, blue
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10 " red	1 drachma, orange

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EDITORIAL.

A Fat Year—A special number of the WEEKLY in May is testimony to the remarkable activity of philately this season that is enduring beyond the usual term. Ordinarily, there is a slackening of zeal in philatelic circles with the advent of warm weather and this condition is accepted as a natural one. We well know that the present season is a prosperous one and we are hopeful now that it has been under way so strongly that the impetus will carry philately over the drier months, with but slightly diminished volume. While the season would have given a glowing account of itself even though it did not have the adventitious aid of the New York Exhibition, yet the influence of the forthcoming exhibition is now manifest at a time when the effects of a waning season would be shown, if the rule held good this year.

Auspicious—As the time for the New York Exhibition becomes near, the thorough work of the officers having the preparations in charge becomes the more evident. The exhibition has been brought to the attention of collectors abroad in a way that has secured the interest and cooperation of many of them. It is safe to say that there will be a sufficient number of exhibits from foreign countries to loan a piquancy, as it may be regarded, to the exhibits. It is learned that the applications for space by American exhibitors is meeting all expectations and it is not premature to assure all who have followed the progress of the Exhibition that the occasion will be the most impressive and significant in the annals of philately in America. The display will merit a large attendance and it is pleasing to hear that a number of the great European collectors intend to be present.

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particulars of a stupendous fraud that has been perpetrated at the expense of a philatelist of Nottingham. Elsewhere in our columns, the sordid tale is told, and using the case as a text, one may enlarge upon the dangers of "get-rich-quick" philately. Those whose standing is open to question find it necessary to lure attention by offers of enticing kind but the buyer in such instances is no match for the person who has been schooled in trickery and whose maladroitness enterprise is so many-sided that it confuses the unsuspicious mind. Stamps may be said to have almost a staple value and the great bargain should be viewed from all angles before it is acquired from an "outsider." Of course, there are instances when philatelic knowledge is power and the collector may gain largely through it but the chances are as good in the legitimate field of philately as among its camp followers. The collector who deals with the philatelist of established reputation has a sort of guarantee of protection against the results of any misunderstanding or mischance. It is worth while to pay a premium for insurance of this sort, if necessary.

From Washington—Among the departmental orders issued from Washington recently are several of some interest to philatelists. Under date of May 16th, sealed proposals are invited up to June 10th, 1913, "for supplying 5,000,000 postal savings certificates of deposit during the fiscal years ending June 30, 1914, to be printed from engraved intaglio plates or by lithographic or typographic processes." Attention is called again to short-paid letters for foreign countries and the complaints arising from the collecting double the amount of deficiency in postage show that the rule governing postage due on foreign letters is not understood generally. The impression is held by many persons that letters mailed in the United States for delivery in France, not to mention other foreign countries, are subject only to postage of two cents, whereas the postal union rate is applicable to them. The postmaster general has directed an officer "to establish a system to provide for the periodical test of the accuracy of all scales used in the postal service. Postmasters and all postal employees will be governed accordingly."

New Stamp Books—On May 21st, according to a special despatch in the newspapers, designs for two new stamp booklets were approved by the department. One of the new books will contain ninety-six stamps of the one cent denomination while the second will have twenty-four of the one cent and twenty-four of the two cent. The book holding both the one and two cent stamps will be a popular one, we predict, and will be appreciated for its convenience by travelers in particular, one of whom is said to have suggested the idea to the authorities. The stamp books as we know are sold for one cent over the face value of their stamps but this small advance yielded a profit of \$180,000 to the government in a year.

Provisional Proprietary Stamps—Mr. Willis D. King, Nashua, New Hampshire, asks about a four cent red, 1875-81 issue, medicine, surcharged "Pond's Apr. 1883 Extract." There is a class of surcharged proprietary stamps that are regarded by specialists as provisionals. In the stricter sense, the only surcharged stamps that meet the requirements are those of firms that ordered special dies and previously to the receipt of the stamps printed from them, used the ordinary revenue stamps with their initials or names type-printed on the stamps; or those firms that used the general issue, duly surcharged, in the absence of needed supplies of the distinctive stamps from Washington. However, the stamps that "mention the business on their face" usually are collected with the stamps such as described. We find Mr. King's stamp listed in an old catalog of U. S. revenue stamps under "Surcharged Proprietary Stamps."

Poor Prophet—A question asked frequently by newer collectors is one concerning the probability of great price advances in certain stamps but it is a wise philatelist who refrains from predicting "futures." The more competent it seems that a person is to judge prospects of the kind, the more squarely the resisting prophet dodges the issue. There is danger to reputation in these estimates and as confirming this remark, we refer to the following prediction by a writer in 1893 who, at least, was a close student of United States stamps: "The U. S. 90-cent orange, 1890, is one of the many stamps that will show a marked increase in the next catalogue. . . . Although priced at but ten cents in Scott's fifty-third edition, it is worth fifty cents easily, and will probably advance to that price in the fifty-fourth edition." The stamp went up in price and five years later had reached sixty-five cents; then the quotation fell to fifty cents where it was maintained for over ten years and now, twenty years after, the catalogue price is sixty cents." This little instance is casually recalled merely to indicate the twists and the turns that some of the stamp values experience.

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OUR REVIEW.

That busy writer, D. B. Armstrong, the excellence of whose work keeps paces with his industry, has written in collaboration with R. E. R. Dalwigk, a popular guide to stamp collecting, entitled, "Stamps for Beginners." The facile pen of Mr. Armstrong has done effective service for philately in England and this latest product while making no pretensions will prove of telling advantage in a practical way to philately. The pamphlet of seventy-five pages with appropriate cover in red, whose design is adapted from the six pence George stamp is an elementary treatise and the text is in a style to entertain the casual reader and establish a bond of interest in stamp collecting. If the reader of the little book is a "prospect" of any promise, he will be swayed to philately in many instances by the perusal of the guide. We are pleased to hear that the pamphlet has been well received in England and that it is meeting with a ready sale in the railway book-stalls. Its circulation should be pushed in all avenues through which the public is reached.

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By CARROLL CHASE, M. D.

Recently there has been evidence of widespread interest in the postmarks and cancellations of this country. The subject is very broad and little has been done towards its systematic study. I, lately, have been trying to arrange some of the accumulation that I have on hand by putting this material into general sub-divisions.

The following classification is submitted to stamp collectors as a working basis for the study of this interesting branch of philately. It should be stated that these classes often necessarily overlap. Experience will probably show that this list is incomplete and that it can be much improved.

1. *Sending Postmarks.* Show name of city or town from which mail matter was sent. May also show year; year and month; year, month and day; or year, month, day, and hour. May also show Postoffice—station or sub-station—indicated by number, letter or name. May be black or colored. Shapes of postmarks are numerous—round, straight, octagonal, etc.

2. *Receiving and In Transit Postmarks.* Frequently the same as sending postmarks. Often show the word "Received" or its abbreviation in the postmark. May show date or station, be black or colored, and of various shapes.

3. *Obliteration Marks.* Those used actually to cancel the stamps. May be the sending postmark or one of the hand stamps (mentioned later) made for a special purpose. Those most frequently used were made for the purpose, and are either separate or on the same handstamp as the sending postmark. They come in many colors and innumerable shapes even taking the form of an animal as the famous (or notorious) Port Townsend, Wash. "kicking mule."

4. *Forwarding and Missent.* Various shapes and colors.

5. *Registration or Insured Postmarks* indicating that the cover has been registered or insured.

6. *Railroad Postmarks* usually show the name of the railroad or railroad postoffice (R. P. O.) on which the cancellation was used. May be only the word "WAY" or "STEAM" etc.

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10. *Carrier Postmarks* to indicate the collection or delivery of the cover by carrier. May or may not show the word "carrier" or "delivery."

11. *Local Post Postmarks.*

12. *Official or Free.* May be either word alone, or either in a sending postmark or in an obliteration mark.

13. *Dead Letter or Advertised.*

14. *Written Postmarks.* May be in pen or pencil, black or colored.

15. *Advertising or Exhibition Postmarks* usually in a sending postmark.

16. *Aviation Postmarks* including balloon, aeroplane and carrier pigeon posts.

17. *Foreign Offices Permanent, temporary or military.*

18. *Express Cancellations.* Rare on government adhesive stamps, common on envelope stamps.

19. *Pre-cancellations* date back to the 1851 issue. Applied before the stamp was placed on the cover.

20. *Machine Cancellations.* First used in Boston, Mass., in the eighties or nineties (?).

21. *Returned for Stamp or Better Address or Held for Postage, etc.*

22. *Miscellaneous.* All not included in first twenty-one classes, such as, "Special Delivery," "Supplementary mail," "Not mailable," "Stamp lost," "Opened by mistake," "Too late for regular mail," Thumbprint obliterations acid or alkali obliteration (such as used on Blood's Local stamps), etc., etc.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We have added several new members to the Booster Club of late. Three have just been placed on the membership roll, Wm. Foxton, Buffalo, N. Y., E. G. Reed, Hartford, Ct., and J. E. Summers, Jr., Taunton, Mass., by sending in new yearly subscriptions.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from V. A. Hoffmann, (2), Geo. C. Webber (2), M. A. Lesser and Geo. W. Schaefer (2), A. R. Butler, I. W. Risdon, Chas. R. Morris, W. L. McAtee, A. W. Blackman.

—Harry T. Willcox advises us that two new stamp books are to be issued, one to contain ninety-six 1c stamps and the other twenty-four 1c and twenty-four 2c.

—The address of Louis P. Wulff, formerly of Oxford, Miss., and Memphis, Tenn., is wanted by Iole Dione of Grandview, Wash., who is unable to locate him at either of the above addresses.

—We shall publish next week some of the prices realized at the 55th auction sale of the Philadelphia Stamp Co. held recently.

—We find that we have failed to notice the appearance of the *Boston Philatelic News-Letter*, No. 2 having just appeared. The *News-Letter* is published from Box 2678, Boston, Mass., and the subscription price is 35c per year. We give this information at the risk of suffering from the rivalry of this publication. The paper is a little different from the customary second number and its contents show the hand of experience. A stamp will no doubt bring a sample copy.

—The 5c blue Panama-Pacific has been precanceled in two lines "Tacoma, Wash." Paul J. Miller, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., informs us of this fact.

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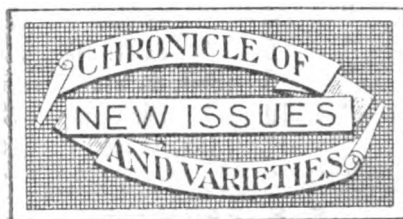
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BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—The *Australian Philatelist* says that owing to an unexpected shortage of the ½d and 1d values, fresh supplies of the canoe type were ordered, pending the arrival of the Georgian series. These were received on a much thinner paper than the ordinary issue.

CHINA.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* says that the two commemorative sets were engraved and printed at Peking, the Chinese Government having installed at the capital a Bureau of Engraving and Printing under the direction of three Americans.

DENMARK.—A new issue of post cards has been shown us by Mr. Schachne, the word "Brevkort" measuring 4x3½ mm. The cards are with and without watermark.

Post Cards.

- 3 ore gray on white; no watermark.
- 5 ore green on white; no watermark.
- 3 ore gray on white; watermarked.
- 5 ore green on white; watermarked.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—*Maury's Collectionneur* chronicles the following new stationery, with portrait of King George.

Envelope.

1d red.

Post Card.

1d red on blue.

HUNGARY.—The *Journal des Philatelists* states the new stamps of Hungary, of which the designs were approved two years ago, will appear immediately. These stamps will not be printed at Vienna, as one would suppose, but at Budapest, by the Royal Bureau of Printing, from which came the stamps of the issue of 1872. The accepted designs were announced and described in the WEEKLY two years ago. The new series will also include post cards of 5f and 10f, letter cards of 6f and 10f, and reply post cards of 5f. The pneumatic postal service being ready for operation in Budapest, there will be created for use in connection therewith special envelopes, post cards, and letter cards.

An innovation is shown us by Mr. Schachne in the latest post card for this country, an ornamental frame add-

ing greatly to the appearance of the new 5 filler card.

Post Card.

5f light green on buff, with border.

INDIA.—The *London Philatelist* reports having seen three more of the rupee values of the Georgian series. They are of large size and the same design as the high values previously chronicled.

Adhesives.

- 2r yellow brown and carmine.
- 16r pink and green.
- 15r pale olive and blue.

INHAMBANE.—*Scott's Circular* says that Inhambane as a Portuguese colony is likely shortly to give way to Quilmaine, the name of a larger territory which includes the Inhambane district.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—According to *Maury's Collectionneur* a new envelope has been issued with portrait of King George.

Envelope.

2d blue.

MONTENEGRO.—Various items of stationery are reported in the new series, according to *Maury's Collectionneur*.

Envelopes.

- 10pa bright rose.
- 25pa Prussian blue.

Wrappers.

- 5pa green on buff.
- 10pa bright rose on buff.

Post Cards.

- 5pa green on buff.
- 5x10pa green on buff.
- 10pa rose on blue.
- 10x10pa rose on blue.

NYASALAND.—*Le Timbre-Poste* chronicles the Georgian stamps, as having been issued. As usual there are two sizes, the values from ½d to 1sh being in the smaller size.

Adhesives.

- ½d green.
- 1d rose.
- 2½d ultramarine.
- 4d black and red on yellow.
- 6d lilac and mauve.
- 1sh black on green.
- 2sh 6d black and red on blue.
- 4sh red and black.
- 10sh green and red on green.
- £1 purple and black on red.
- £10 purple and blue.

PHILIPPINES.—The *Philatelic Gazette* chronicles a new officially sealed stamp printed in yellow on paper watermarked double line "P I R S".

A \$1200 POSITION OPEN.

The Government Stamp Collection to be Re-arranged.

The collection of foreign and domestic postage stamps owned by the government, a great part of which has been in storage for years, is to be overhauled, arranged as to countries and issues, mounted and placed on exhibition in the new National Museum. The collection is said to be one of the most complete in existence, although, it is stated, the exact number of stamps is not known. The collection embraces sets of every kind and denomination of postage stamps ever issued by this government, besides practi-

cally complete sets of stamps issued by every government that uses postage stamps.

The work of classifying, sorting and mounting the stamps will be done by a philatelist to be selected from the successful candidates in a competitive civil service examination to be held June 23. Candidates for the examination, it is announced, may be men or women, must be more than twenty-one years old, and must have had practical experience as a postage stamp dealer and philatelist. The position will pay \$1,200 a year, and it is believed the work can be completed within one year.

U. S. CIVIL-SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

A Position Awaiting Some Philatelist In Connection with the Government Collections.

(Supplementary Clipping Published Elsewhere.)

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for philatelist, for both men and women. From the register of eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill a vacancy in this position in the National Museum, Washington, D. C., at a salary of \$1,200 a year, and vacancies as they may occur in positions requiring similar qualifications, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion.

The duties of this position will consist of overhauling and arranging, according to countries and issues, the collection of stamps now in storage in the Museum, and in mounting this collection for exhibition. The person appointed as a result of this examination will be employed approximately a year, and possibly for a longer period.

Competitors will not be required to appear at any place for examination, but will be rated upon statements of their qualifications contained in the application and examination form and corroborative evidence as to their qualifications, integrity, and reliability. Practical experience as a postage-stamp dealer, is a prerequisite for consideration for this position and applicants should be careful to name only persons who are able and willing to vouch for the applicant's honesty and reliability.

Age, 21 years or over on the date of the examination.

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" " " " Overprinted "B" for foreign correspondence, 10, 20par, 1, 2pi, Set of 420
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Old Doc Dodder says that the greatest case of Christian charity that he ever saw was an ex-publisher of a philatelic paper who had kind words for the stamp collecting public.

An ungentele reader inquires: "How is your subscription list getting along? Take my name off of it as I want to be the man who took 'me' out of MEKEEL'S."

"Three years ago, I got a sheet of stamps on approval and thought that I returned it and told the dealer so when he asked for its return. I have just found it and when I send it to him will not his heart beat gladly?" confesses a slow but sure subscriber. Yes, or stop beating altogether.

That stamp described in an auction catalogue, "Face wrinkled", must be a very old one.

"One should list one's stamp collection, be it ever so modest in size, as an asset,—yet how many do it?" asks a great little asker. Try this on your banker.

"While a good glass will reveal the beauties of engraving yet it will uncover defects as well and so, is it a benefit or a detriment?" inquires a scribe speculatively. He probably has been gulled by some dealer whose hat is his office.

"I have difficulty in pronouncing correctly some of the names of the stamp issuing countries," confides a troubled collector. He may consider himself one of the elect, now.

Overheard at the stamp club: "He is the sort of man who has a fifteen dollar album for a five dollar collection."

"Design runs off at side" is almost as good a descriptive term as "perforated in the effigy."

And then there is "bountiful cancellation."

NEW YORK EXHIBITION NEWS.



The following have been added to the honor committee: The Philatelic Society of New Zealand, Wellington; International Sammler Verein, Hamburg; F. A. Lucas, Director American Museum Natural History, New York; William Homan, New York; Harry Wennberg, Stockholm, Sweden; A. G. Dahlberg, Buenos Ayres; Cortlandt F. Bishop, New York; Leon de Raaij, Amsterdam, and Chas. H. Stone, Cambridge, Mass.

Medal donations have been coming in nicely. The following are the latest. Gold medals: J. Philipp Benckard, New York; H. F. Colman, Washington; E. R. Ackerman, Plainfield, N. J., and United Stamp Co., Chicago.

Silver gilt medals: D. Field, London, (two medals); Julian Park, Buffalo; United Stamp Co., Chicago.

Silver medals: Economist Stamp Co., New York; Walter S. Scott, New York; Charles Gregory, New York;

Adolph Weinberger, Brunn, Austria (two medals); United Stamp Co., Chicago.

Applications for exhibition space are coming in from all parts of the world, one collection alone reserving five hundred square feet. Work on the official exhibition catalog has begun, and advertising rates for stamp dealers who are members of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions were fixed as follows: Whole page, \$35.00; 1/2 page, \$20.00; 1/4 page, \$12.50. These rates are exceedingly low considering the large circulation which the catalog will have, and also its permanent advertising value. Send application for advertising space and copy to Eugene Klein, Chairman, Publicity Committee, Empire Building, Philadelphia.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 7.30 P. M.

Boston, Mass., May 20, 1913.

The 292nd (regular) meeting of the Society was held at the Club Room this evening with Pres. Nevin in the chair and 36 members and friends present.

The following was presented:—

Library Report, April-May, 1913.

There has been received since the last report, by purchase: China, Seine Post and Seine Freimarken by P. Kleberg, Chemnitz, 1911; Malta by Alexander J. Schi (W. E. P. Handbook, No. 9). Bound: Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society, Vols. I and II, 1908-9, Vols. III and IV, 1910-11. By donation: The Beginners' Guide by B. W. H. Poole, Handbook No. 2 from Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Co.; Europa Katalog from Hugo Michel, Apolda. Also the current numbers of the following magazines generously contributed by the publishers:—Gibbons' Monthly, Mekeel's Weekly, Stamp Journal, Postage Stamp, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Circular, Philatelic Gazette, Roesler's Stamp News, Collectors' Journal, New England Stamp Monthly, British Guiana Philatelic Journal and New Yorker Briefmarken Zeitung.

The Secretary announced the gift of some philatelic literature from Mr. Phelps and some counterfeits from Mr. Drew.

The following applications were presented:—Messrs. B. A. Oppenheimer, Charles Dane, A. C. Needham, Frank C. Cosby and H. E. Blanchard.

The following member was elected: No. 577, Oscar Hill.

The exhibition of the evening was the magnificent collection of United States stamps belonging to Mr. Theodore W. Barry. The adhesive postage only were shown, but even these proved a great treat for those present in their completeness and condition. The committee provided further entertainment in the shape of "Philatelists in Disguise," a series of cards showing the faces of some sixty well-known philatelists attached to various figures cut from advertisements, presenting some curious combinations. The winners of the contest were A. W. Batchelder, who recognized 50 of the number, C. A. Howes 41, W. L. Aldrich 39 and L. L. Green 26. Prizes given were No. 1 of Linn's Library and stamp tongs.

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" " 10c green.....	2.00	.60	" " 24c lightly.....	12.50	4.95	" " 50c or 1.00 each.....	3.50	3.50	" " 2sh blue.....	.75	.25	
1857, 1c Type III unused O. G.....	.50	.20	" " 30c.....	15.00	5.00	1893, 25c dark violet.....	1.50	.55	" " 5sh rose.....	2.00	.60	
" " 10c green used.....	1.25	.38	" " 90c unused o. g.....	37.50	15.60	" " 2c rose verm., unused O. G.....	3.50	1.50	" " 1876, 8p orange.....	1.25	.50	
" " 12c black.....	1.75	.85	Treasury 7c brown.....	1.50	.60	" " 12c red lilac, No. 69.....	16.50	6.00	" " 1878, 1ush slate.....	9.00	4.00	
" " 24c lilac.....	4.00	1.55	" " 24c.....	3.00	1.10	Philippines on U. S. 1899, 1c.....	.15	.08	" " 1881, 1sh salmon.....	.50	.20	
" " 30c orange, (unused 54) used.....	6.00	2.50	" " 1c to 90c Complete.....	7.20	2.10	" " " 50c unused 2.00.....	.95	.50	" " 1883, 5sh rose.....	.50	.17	
" " 90c blue, unused o. g.....	20.00	8.50	War 7c, unused O. G.....	2.00	.80	" " " 1.00.....	11.00	5.00	" " 10sh ultra.....	1.25	.50	
1861, 1c pink, (real pink), used.....	7.50	2.50				" " " 2.00.....	12.50	6.00	Greece Olympian 1906, 1d blk.....	.25	.10	
" " 5c buff, used.....	7.50	2.95				" " " 4.00.....	1.00	.40	" " 2d rose.....	.65	.25	
" " 10c green, used.....	.20	.08				" " " 6 or 8c.....	.25	.25	Guatemala '97 Jub. 18c unused.....	1.50	.55	
" " 12c or 30c each used.....	.75	.30	1c Playing Cards.....	3.00	1.20	" " " 13c unused.....	.75	.34	" " 1912, 55.00.....	2.00	.50	
" " 90c blue, used.....	4.00	1.60	2c Certificate, orange.....	.40	.15	" " " 15c.....	.60	.30	" " 1902 Official 1-25c.....	1.37	.37	
1862, 2c black Jackson, unused.....	.75	.25	3c Playing Cards.....	6.00	2.00	" " " 1.00.....	6.00	2.80	Ionian Is. Complete (3).....	4.75	2.50	
" " 5c red brown, used.....	3.50	1.35	4c.....	8.00	3.00	Antigua 1863, 1p vermilion.....	1.25	.40	Leeward Isl'd 1897, Jub. 1/2 unused.....	1.00	.30	
" " 5c brown.....	.60	.25	5c.....	.75	.25	" " 1882, 2 1/2 p brown.....	1.25	.40	" " 1p.....	1.00	.30	
" " 15c blk. Lincoln used.....	.75	.25	10c Prop. or For. Exch.....	.16	.16	" " 4p blue.....	1.00	.30	" " 4p.....	2.00	.75	
1867, 15c grille 9x13 used.....	1.00	.30	20c Foreign Exch.....	1.00	.30	" " 6p green.....	2.50	.90	" " 6p.....	2.00	.85	
" " 30c orange.....	4.00	1.30	25c Warehouse Receipt.....	.60	.16	Argentina 1873, 1c on 5c.....	1.00	.45	" " 1sh.....	12.50	5.00	
" " 90c blue.....	12.00	4.95	50c Probate of Will.....	.75	.16	" " 2c.....	4.00	1.50	Liberia 1885, 32c blue, unused.....	1.00	.35	
1869, 1c buff, (used 35c) unused o. g.....	1.25	.50	\$1 Manifest.....	.60	.30	" " 5c.....	1.25	.50	N. Foundland 1867, 1p br. violet used.....	5.00	2.00	
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" " 10c yellow.....	6.00	2.25	\$2.00 Probate of Will.....	1.00	.45	" " 1868, 2c brown.....	2.50	1.00	" " 10c black (Albert).....	2.00	.65	
" " 12c green.....	4.00	1.50	\$5 Manifest.....	2.50	.70	" " 5c red.....	5.00	2.00	" " 5c brown (beaver).....	6.00	2.30	
" " 15c br & blue, used 55c unused o. g.....	6.00	2.25	\$5 Probate of Will.....	.85	.35	Bermuda 1865, 1p or 2p.....	.75	.25	" " 13c orange or 24c blue used.....	.50	.50	
" " 24c green & violet, used.....	8.00	2.20	\$10 Charter Party.....	.85	.35	" " 1sh green.....	.90	.30	1867, 1c brown lilac.....	2.00	.70	
" " 30c blue & carmine.....	3.50	1.40	\$15 Mortgage.....	6.00	2.30	" " 1873, 3p buff.....	4.00	1.35	" " 3c vermilion.....	3.50	1.50	
" " 90c bk. & car., unused o. g.....	40.00	16.95	\$25.....	4.00	1.50	" " 1874, 3p on 1sh green.....	7.50	3.25	" " 5c black (beaver) unused O. G.....	6.00	2.20	
1870, 1c blue, grill used.....	.50	.17	6c blue & black, 2nd issue, scarce.....	2.00	.65	" " 1p on 1sh green.....	3.00	1.25	1880, 3c blue.....	1.25	.37	
" " 6c carmine.....	4.00	1.50	1c.....	.75	.30	" " 1875, 1p on 3p buff.....	4.00	1.80	" " 5c pale blue (hsh).....	2.00	.60	
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" " 10c brown.....	10.00	3.75	15c.....	.50	.20	Cape of G. H. 1863, 1p (triangular).....	4.00	1.50	Prince Ed. Isl'd. cpi. mostly unused.....	12.50	4.80	
1871, 1c ultram., unused o. g.....	3.50	.95	30,40 or 70c blue & blk., 2d issue, each.....	.75	.35	Canada 1855, 10p blue, fair margins.....	7.50	3.00	Wurtemberg 1861, 18kr violet.....	10.00	3.85	
" " 2c red brown.....	1.50	.50	\$10.00 black and green, 3rd issue.....	3.00	1.20	" " 1857, 6p violet, extra.....	12.00	5.00	" " 1861, 18kr blue.....	12.50	4.80	
" " 3c green.....	2.00	.45	\$5.00 " vermilion.....	.75	.30	" " 1857, 3p red No. 12.....	3.00	1.00	" " 1861, 18kr blue.....	12.50	4.85	
" " 6c carmine.....	3.50	1.00	\$15.00 " orange.....	15.00	6.00	" " 1859, 10c red lilac.....	.75	.30	" " 1863, 18kr orange.....	5.00	2.00	
" " 7c verm., (used 35c) unused o. g.....	3.50	1.75	1898 issue, 1c gr'n. sm. I. R., unused.....	.15	.05	" " 2c rose, unused.....	1.75	.55				
" " 10c or 12c each.....	8.00	2.50	" " 1c " I. R. inverted.....	3.00	1.00	" " 12 1/2c green.....	.60	.25				
" " 15c bright orange.....	5.00	1.50	" " 2c car.....	.40	.18	" " 1868, 1/2c black.....	.30	.10				
" " 24c purp., (used 60c).....	12.50	4.90	" " 80c bistre (10 for 45c), cut.....	.15	.05	" " 1868, 6c brown.....	.25	.10				
" " 90c carmine, used.....	1.25	.55	" " \$100 vel. br. & blk., light cut.....	6.00	2.00	" " 1875, 5c olive green.....	1.25	.50				
1873, 7c, 12c or 15c, each used.....	5.00	1.80	" " \$500 lak. and blk.,.....	40.00	18.00	" " 1897, Jubilee 1/2c blk. unused.....	.30	.14				
" " 10c brown, unused o. g.....	5.00	1.80	Western U. Tel. 1878 gray brown.....	4.00	.90	" " 1897, Jubilee 1/2c purple.....	1.50	.65				
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" " 10c.....	3.00	.95	6c.....	1.25	.50	" " 1849, 15c green.....	4.00	1.65				
Agriculture 1-30c comp., un's'd o. g.....	34.00	14.75	15c.....	1.60	.65	" " 1 franc carmine.....	1.50	.55				
State 1c-90c complete.....	54.00	19.75	10c Special Delivery blue.....	1.25	.65							
" " 2c lightly used.....	20.00	8.50	1c to \$1.00 complete unused O. G.....									
Interior 30c vermilion used.....	.75	.25	11 var. for.....	7.80	7.00							
" " 90c.....	2.50	.95	Hawaii 1869, 5c blue No. 21.....	16.00	7.00							
			" " 1864, 1c violet.....	.50	.15							

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Bavaria.

THE SEVENTH ISSUE.

Towards the close of the year 1875 a change was made in the watermark of the paper, the crossed lines being superseded by a uniform pattern of undulating lines (placed horizontally) set 8 1/2 mm. apart. The paper was horizontally laid but as the watermark made such a heavy impression the laid lines of the paper are frequently impossible to detect. The same paper was used for the envelopes and wrappers which to that time had been printed on plan paper. The same plates were used as for printing issue five and the colors and perforation also correspond to that series. The 1, 3, 7, 10, and 18 kreuzer values were printed on this paper and were placed on sale some time in November, 1875. They had but a short life, for on January 1st, 1876, they were withdrawn and replaced by a new series with values in Imperial currency.

Among the remainders sold in 1876 the following quantities of the stamps of the issue under notice were included:

1kr green,	942,000
3kr rose,	1,470,000
7kr blue,	321,000
10kr yellow,	120,000
18kr red,	99,000

Reference List.

1875. Wmk. undulating horizontal lines. Perf. 11 1/2.	
33. 1kr green, Scott's No. 33.	
34. 3kr rose, Scott's No. 34.	
35. 7kr blue, Scott's No. 35.	
36. 10kr yellow, Scott's No. 36.	
37. 18kr red, Scott's No. 37.	

THE EIGHTH ISSUE.

Until the close of the year 1875 all the stamps issued in Bavaria, with the single exception of the 1 mark value issued in 1874, had the values expressed in South German currency but, with the idea of creating greater uniformity, the Imperial currency of marks and pfennige was introduced on January 1st, 1876. This, of course, necessitated the issue of new stamps and particulars of the new series were announced in a Post-office Notice dated December 9th, 1875. We take the following summary of its contents from the *Philatelic Record*:—

"The stamps will be issued:—	
Value of 3 pfennige in light green.	
" 5 " " dark green.	
" 10 " " carmine red.	
" 20 " " blue.	
" 25 " " red-brown.	
" 50 " " vermilion red.	
" 1 mark in violet.	
" 2 marks in orange yellow.	

The new stamps, like that of 1 mark, will be embossed with the Royal Arms in oval shields, with the supporters and crown, and the name BAYERN above the crown in white on a colored ground. The value of the stamps will be expressed in figures in relief in the four angles, and the denomination PFENNIG or MARK in relief under the Arm.

The postage stamps with value in pfennig are of the same size as those of the former issue in kreuzer, and will be delivered to the Post-offices in sheets of 60. Those of 2 marks are of the same size as those of 1 mark, and will be delivered in sheets of 50.

The original dies for the new series were engraved on steel by Herr P. Reiss at the Mint of Munich and the design of the lower values, as will be understood from the above description, is very similar to that of the 1 mark of 1874 but on a smaller scale. The die for the 2 marks was a subsidiary one made by taking an impression from the 1 mark and altering the corner numerals. The plates were of similar size to those of the preceding issue and they were constructed in a similar manner.

The paper was watermarked with the undulating lines placed 8 1/2 mm. apart as in the case of the stamps of 1875 and, while it was apparently intended to be laid, the "laid" lines are very faint or fail to show at all. This, as already explained, was due to the greater pressure exerted on the pulp by the watermarked lines sewn on the dandy-roll. There was such a large supply of the 1 mark stamps on hand that it was not until 1879 it was necessary to print this value on the paper watermarked with wavy lines.

In consequence of the similarity of color of the 3pf and 5pf it was decided to change the latter and on December 4th, 1878, a Post-office Notice was published announcing the issue of the 5 pfennig stamp in violet and at the same time it was stated that the color of the 50 pfennig would be changed from vermilion to dark brown. The new stamps were ready on January 1st following and they were sold as the stocks of the old colors were used up.

The same perforating machines—one for the pfennig and one for the mark values—were used as before, both gauging 11 1/2.

The 1 mark stamp of this series is an extremely rare variety unused, though in used condition it is comparatively common.



Reference List.

1875-79. Wmk. undulating horizontal lines. Perf. 11 1/2.	
38. 3pf green, Scott's No. 38.	
39. 5pf dark green, Scott's No. 39.	
40. 5pf mauve, Scott's No. 40.	
41. 10pf rose, Scott's No. 41.	
42. 20pf blue, Scott's No. 42.	
43. 25pf yellow brown, Scott's No. 43.	
44. 50pf vermilion, Scott's No. 44.	
45. 50pf brown, Scott's No. 45.	
46. 1 mark mauve, Scott's No. 46.	
47. 2 mark orange, Scott's No. 47.	

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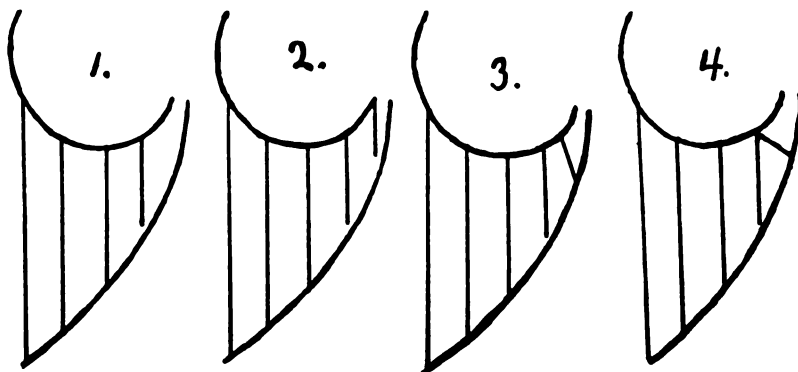
By WM. L. STEVENSON.

In 1873 the Continental Bank Note Co. began printing postage stamps under contract with the government. The company took over the dies and apparently the plates and other material from their predecessors, the National Bank Note Co. Twenty-two years later, in 1895, the discovery was made that certain markings were to be found on some values printed by the Continental Co. which did not appear on the work of the previous company.

only way to distinguish with certainty is to view the stamp in different lights and from different directions.

I have examined some thousands of these stamps. The differences are not the result of imagination. They are facts that anyone can find for themselves.

In many copies of the Continental printing it is difficult, from the nature of the ink or paper, to say more than that a line exists. In the 2c vermilion



It is now but eighteen years more but I wish to propose a problem connected with the 2c value. You see four numbered cuts. They are fairly correct.

No. 1 shows what can be seen just below the ball at the left of the "S" of U. S. in the upper label, in the National 2c. The two curved lines do not join. The space bounded by the two curved lines and the shortest of the verticals is vacant.

No. 4 shows how the secret mark is always illustrated as far as I have seen. No. 2 shows how the mark appears on a very great majority of the 2c brown, Continental, which I have examined.

No. 3 and No. 4 show how it is to be found on occasional copies. I have these two in a vertical pair as well as in a few singles. These generally show an apparent joining of the two curved lines in a point. This may be only apparent but it looks actual to me.

The examination of even the best copies requires a good glass and patience and persistence. Sometimes the

I have found but a very few copies where anything could be made out definitely. I shall not tell you what I found just yet. In the American printings I have found no copies where anything was certain.

There are a number of questions which arise. Where were the earlier illustrations derived? Are they simply a very general and indefinite way of indicating some kind of a line or are they taken from a late proof?

What do these differences mean? They cannot all come from one condition of an original die.

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NEW YORK STAMP EXHIBITION.

NEW YORK, May 26, 1913. (*Special Correspondence.*)—The many details of preparation for the great Exhibition to be opened in the Engineers' Building in New York the last week of October, are being attended to by the various sub-committees who have these matters more particularly in charge.

Many inquiries have been received from foreign collectors in regard to the rules and regulations of the United States customs governing exhibits. No packages addressed to the exhibition will be opened at the New York custom house. All such packages will be opened at the headquarters of the Exhibition Committee, and in presence of at least one member of the Committee. In this way the greatest care will be taken to protect exhibits. The Committee will shortly send out a printed label to be attached to the packages containing exhibits. While these labels will not be necessary, they can conveniently be used by exhibitors and will save all chances of error or mistake in making shipments by post or express. It is expected that most foreign packages will come by registered post.

Nothing has so far been said in regard to the great banquet of philatelists which will be held at one of the famous restaurants of New York in connection with the exhibition. This banquet will exceed in importance any similar gathering of stamp collectors in this country—certainly within the memory of those at present interested in stamps. No pains will be spared to make this a memorable occasion for those who are so fortunate as to be able to be present. More details in regard to the banquet will be sent out not later than September. The price of the banquet will be reasonable; within the reach of all, and at the same time it will be a most brilliant affair.

Many distinguished philatelists from abroad will attend. A number of these have already been heard from, but have requested that their names be not made public at present.

All who attend the exhibition and banquet will have an opportunity to meet those gentlemen whose names are household words in the philatelic world.

There has been some talk that the Committee might be obliged to secure other quarters for the exhibition owing to the prospects for so large a number of exhibits, but after thoroughly reconsidering the subject it was decided to stick by the first choice. As previously announced, the exhibition will, therefore, be held in the Building of the Engineers' Society, located at 29 West 39th street. This is one of the most beautiful structures in New York City. It was built by Andrew Carnegie for the allied engineers' societies of New York, and is the home of the Engineers' Club, a body which is more particularly interested in the advancement of engineering as a science. To that end, a portion of the building was especially constructed for exhibition purposes. The space of any single floor will not be large enough in area, and it will likely be found necessary to utilize two floors. This slight inconvenience will be more than offset by the beauty, dignity and refinement of the exhibition rooms as compared with the cheap appearance of a large exhibition building like the Grand Central Palace.

The light will be of the best and the building is strictly fireproof. It has every convenience and facility for the

holding of a stamp exhibition, and its location is most excellent: in easy access from all parts of New York City.

Mr. John N. Luff and the Committee are now at work on a second edition of the prospectus and scheme of competition. This will show a number of changes from the first edition that was issued the latter part of the winter. No stamp exhibition has, we believe, ever provided better facilities for the average collector, and particularly for young collectors. It is expected that this class will be unusually well filled.

A new class has been added to the list of competitions which will appear in the revised prospectus. This new class provides for original research work. Much satisfaction is felt by a number of philatelists in the adding of this class. It will simplify the entries in the class for specialized single issues and make the competition more interesting to both.

The medals for the exhibition have not yet been struck, but the design has been made and approved of, and the medals themselves, we are told, will soon be ready. Cuts or blocks illustrating this design have been prepared and will give an excellent idea of the character and importance of the medals to be awarded under the direction of the Jury of Awards. In addition to medals several cups have been donated and will be awarded.

Speaking of the Jury of Awards, collectors will be greatly interested in knowing that some of the most prominent foreign philatelists, who are authorities on stamps, will consent to act as judges. It is a long trip for any man to take for this purpose and the Exhibition Committee, and all concerned, feel greatly gratified by the outlook in this respect. It is certain that some of the most distinguished philatelists of Europe and of Canada will be seen in New York in October. Prominent collectors living from Boston to the Pacific Coast have written that they will spend the Stamp Exhibition week in New York. No American collector can afford to be absent. Many clubs or parties will be made up to visit New York at that time. The interest in the event is growing very rapidly. The evidence of this is particularly gratifying to those who are working hard for the Exhibition.

No arrangement has been made for a philatelic club in connection with the exhibition, but it is expected that the Collectors Club and other clubs of New York where philatelists gather will keep open house for visiting collectors. It is also expected that a number of our best known American philatelists will spend the week of the exhibition in New York at one of the hotels in the vicinity of the Engineers' Building. It is quite probable that, following a recent suggestion, they may club together to secure hotel parlors as a club room in common. If this is done, it will no doubt become a mecca for most visiting philatelists.

We hear already that in some classes there will be very interesting competition, and unless some change takes place there will be shown some of the best collections in the world of the stamps of the Danish West Indies. We hear of one and possibly two of these collections that are coming from Europe, and of at least two that will be shown by American collectors. The same is true of other classes. There will be interesting competition, and a fine display worth going far to see.

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DOTS AND DASHES.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

Collectors who delight in hunting for minor varieties may be interested in two which I have recently found in the current issue. One is seen in the two cent stamps, with numerals; the second in the 4 cent stamp.

The variety in the 2 cent stamp consists of a dot of color, like a position dot, resting upon the inner side of the bottom frame line, and is directly midway under the left numeral. That it is a true minor variety cannot be denied because it is found on each stamp in at least a block of 16. In a single copy I should have passed it up as an ink blotch.

The variety in the 4 cent stamp is a triangle extending upward for about one mm. above the top of the figure 4, joining it, and without any line of white showing between. This is a variety, as I have found four copies of it.

F. R. Cornwall of St. Louis has called my attention to a variety in the 5 cent stamp of the issue 1895. In this variety the horizontal lines terminating in the line following the curved line of the medallion, cross the white space and join to the medallion line at the right. This variety has probably been mentioned before, but I have never seen a description in print.

I recently picked up a copy of the 1 cent 1902 which may be unique. It comes from a sheet which had passed through the press without fresh ink having been applied after the printing of the previous sheet. The extreme care taken by the examiners employed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing not to let imperfect stamps pass out and finally be placed on sale would be assurance that not many sheets (if more than one) ever were sold to the public.

Recently I have seen two or three notes in the WEEKLY calling attention to a "die variety" of the 1 cent current issue, in which the horizontal lines are broken at the left. I am glad to note that collectors are studying their stamps with such minuteness and zeal. This is not, however, a die variety, but a slight break in the transfer roll. This is proved by the fact that the break occurs in vertical adjoining stamps in a single sheet. If it were a die variety it would, without much doubt, show in all sheets.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Harmer, Rooke & Co. announces that L. S. Charlack of Streatham Hill, London, has disappeared and that a warrant is out for his arrest on a charge of obtaining credit by fraud. Part of his stock is in the hands of Harmer, Rooke & Co. for realization.

—C. H. Holden, Detroit, Mich., has submitted for our inspection correspondence that has passed between him and the postmaster of Toronto, relative to the heavy obliteration applied to registered matter sent out from that office. The Toronto Official referred to, in his reply indicates that the office is cancelling stamps in accordance with the P. O. regulations so as to prevent cleaning with acids or other materials. The using of postage stamps a second time has become very common. The postmaster further states that while registered matter gets a heavy cancellation ordinary letters are run through an electric date stamping machine so that the stamps appearing thereon have a clean and clear impression. Instructions have been issued to the clerks to exercise every care so as not to disfigure the stamps used on registered mail.

—"The Lyceum Stamp and Coin Club" of Lynn, Mass., was organized May 26 and the following were selected as officers. C. T. Comstock, president; M. O. Hallock, vice-president; J. J. Winchester, treasurer; and C. L. Willey, 42 Center Street, Lynn, secretary. With a charter membership of about 25, and a large field from which to draw recruits, it looks as if the coming year would see great activity in this club. A "Question Box", an "Exhibit Night", and an "Auction" are among the talked of features. Regular monthly meetings will begin with the second Monday in September, 1913.—DUGALD MCKILLOP.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from John U. Hoffman, Toledo Stamp Co., Geo. W. Schaefer, T. C. Keyes, J. H. Andrew, G. Baker Newton, Jr., Hugo Kuenstler (3), C. F. Richards, C. B. Walsh, and A. R. Butler, M. D.

—E. B. Charman states that the 8c value of the current Canal Zone set has been discontinued. The office at Pedro Miguel is sold out of this value.

—A N. Y. City correspondent urges upon the attention of our readers the New York Public Library on 42nd St. He styles it the finest in the U. S. and makes special mention of the periodical room in which may be found all current philatelic publications, including of course the WEEKLY.

—On the 1c green and black Canal Zone surcharged on Panama is a variety that to the best of our knowledge has not been chronicled. The horizontal stroke of the "L" in Canal shows a well defined curvature as though an entirely different font of type from that ordinarily employed had been pressed into service.

—H. C. Robsahm informs us that he has a post card from Sweden with a special aeroplane postmark upon it. We are giving considerable space to U. S. postmarkings of this kind and question whether we shall be able to devote much space to other countries.

—Unused cut-to-shape envelope stamps are being used frequently in the mails these days by pasting them on mail matter in place of ordinary stamps. J. J. Prendergast sends us a specimen of the 1c green envelope used on a regulation envelope of the same value.

—The 25th anniversary of Twin City Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh, Pa., will be celebrated on the evening of June 17, 1913, by a supper, to be held after the regular monthly meeting. Eugene Doeblin has charge of the arrangements. Messrs. Miller and Kleinknecht are assisting chairman Doeblin. New officers, for 1913-14, President, W. A. Hemphill; V. P., C. J. Jaegle, Jr.; Sec., J. C. Miller; Treas., J. Kleinknecht; Asst. Sec., Mr. Greenfield.

—We are advised that the 10c Panama-Pacific is to be changed in color. It will be on the order of the present color but a change distinct enough to make it a straight catalog number.

—In regard to the Tulsa, Okla., special stamp we are advised that "the Washington correspondent," who circulated the stamp story broadcast over the country did not know the difference between a cancelling stamp and a postage stamp. The Tulsa postoffice has been supplied with a special cancelling die advertising the Dry Farming Congress to be held there.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

By R. J. Hogg.

For just three months stamps of the new type of some denomination or other have been on sale in these states.

The design is poor;—the execution of same is worse, and the mode of issue is a world wide record of bungling and incompetence.

It seems that on one state or another the following values have been sold: 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 9d, 1sh, 2sh.

The arrangement seems to be that when the old issue of a state runs out these stamps are brought along as if the Federal authorities seemed loth to produce their own handiwork.

Enough has been said about the design and as to the execution the 5d and 2sh are very similar in colour and report states that the postmaster is contemplating a change of colour, but secrecy is the rule in this sadly mismanaged department.

Report has it that New South Wales has a very big stock of 9d and that there, the new 9d will not be sold for a long time; similar conditions obtain in Tasmania with their 5d.

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"	13c purple black, block 4.....	.75
"	60c orange, block 4.....	2.50
1908	1c green, perf. block 4.....	.15
"	13c blue green, block 4.....	.75
"	13c darker shade, block 4.....	1.00

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1908	2c carmine, block 4.....	.15
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3c deep purple, block 4.....	.25
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4c yellow brown, block 4.....	.35
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1912	1c green, block 4.....	.08
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evidently they require gentle handling even before use.

The 9d we have only heard of as being used in Victoria, where they were evidently very short of supplies a short time back and used the old V and crown paper to print a temporary supply on.

In S. Australia, so far the 5d is the only one issued and in Tasmania no issue has been made.

We have evidently heard the last of the provisional surcharges, which according to commonwealth law are illegal, but "The King can do no wrong", and therefore his ministers in far off climes can perpetrate all sorts of freaks. Victoria, Tasmania and West Australia 1d on 2d are the full list although £25,000 worth of S. Australia were sent to Melbourne to be similarly dealt with but the papers got wind of the fact and a grandmother administration put detectives on to discover who gave the information which was very common property on the street. We presume as a good supply evidently exists of 2d S. Australia, that the Commonwealth 2d will be a long time to appear in this state.

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EDITORIAL.

Help Wanted—The following newspaper despatch from Washington is typical of the manner in which an important bit of philatelic news was handled by the press: "U. S. Seeks Man for Job of Philatelist, Washington. Are you a philatelist which in every day language is a stamp collector? If you are and can pass the civil service examination, Uncle Sam will give you a job and \$1,200 a year to fill a vacancy in the National Museum. The duties of this position will consist of overhauling and arranging, according to countries and issues, the collection of stamps now in storage in the museum."

Whys and Wherefores—As fully explanatory of the foregoing notice, we submit circular No. 561, "United States Civil-Service Examination. Philatelist. June 23, 1913," issued May 17, 1913, the text of which is as follows: "The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for philatelist, both for men and women. From the register of eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill a vacancy in this position in the National Museum, Washington, D. C., at a salary of \$1,200 a year, and vacancies as they may occur in positions requiring similar qualifications, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer or promotion. The duties of this position will consist of overhauling and arranging according to countries and issues, the collection of stamps now in storage in the Museum, and in mounting this collection for exhibition. The person appointed as a result of this examination will be employed approximately a year, and possibly for a longer period. Competitors will not be required to appear at any place for examination but will be rated upon statements of their qualifications contained in the application and examination form and corroborative evidence as to their qualifications, integrity and reliability. Practical experience as a postage-stamp dealer is a prerequisite for consideration for this position. In answer to question 20 of application and examination Form 1800 applicants should be careful to name only persons who are able and willing to vouch for the applicant's honesty and reliability. Age, 21 years or over on the date of the examination. Under an act of Congress applicants for this examination must have been actually domiciled in the State or Territory in which they reside for at least one year previous to the date of the examination. The examination is open to all persons who are citizens of or owe allegiance to the United States and who meet the requirements. Persons who meet the requirements and desire this examination should at once apply for Form 1800 to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C." and here follows a list of thirteen other offices in the states and territories where Form 1800 may be had. "No application will be accepted unless properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington, in complete form, prior to the hour of closing business on June 23, 1913. In applying for this examination the exact title as given at the head of this announcement should be used."

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Count Them—That there will be no lack of competition for the position of curator of the National Museum collection, we assert unqualifiedly. We know that there will be many candidates because there have been not a few who have asked for our endorsement of their applications. We believe that the authorities will be somewhat impressed by the volume of the philatelic response. It is superfluous to say how attractive the position would appear in the minds of many philatelists who would find the work congenial, they are sure, the remuneration acceptable and their pride gratified by receiving the preferment. It is to be remembered that the examination is not to be a competitive one based on the applicant's knowledge of philately but is on the broader qualifications of integrity and reliability and philatelic experience.

Home Made Ink—There are sturdy red cancellations on the early United States stamps and cancellations whose redness is but a faint flush; and worst of all, some may be found of muddled red, not to mention a vague, spotted red that is a veritable hobo of the red family. Specialists have sometimes wondered how it happened that some of these reds could have been perpetrated and how so weak and attenuated a cancelling ink could have been used sixty years ago when adulterations were not so common as later. We think that we have solved the problem as we have found an old advertisement dated in 1850 offering for sale directions to postmasters "for procuring and making red ink." The postmaster is tempted in the following words: "As to ink a small box cannot last long in a P. O. at best and instead

of it I send directions for procuring and making it gratis. When a P. M. is dependent for a supply of ink the expense of ink alone will soon amount to more than my price for a whole set of Stamps, with directions enabling him to keep a supply on hand so long as he has occasion to use it." The stamps mentioned are postmarking and cancellation stamps engraved on box wood.

An Old Manual—We have had the privilege of examining "The Complete Post Office Manual, No. 2, April 1st, 1851." It was published by Charles M. Willard, Ludlow, Hampden County, Mass. The manual is of eight pages, six by nine inches and the text is devoted almost wholly to an analysis of the important postal act of March 3rd, 1851 and to remarks inspired by certain of the provisions of the act that affected the income of postmasters.

An Editor's Idea—A Sunday editor of a big newspaper who, needless to say, is wise in the making of a readable newspaper gave willingly a column to stamps as an experiment at the suggestion of a thorough philatelist. For several Sundays the department appeared and although the articles in it were unassailable from the viewpoint of data about engraving, paper, watermarks and kindred subjects, the editor was not satisfied that the space was filled to the best advantage. He said: "We want paragraphs telling of the passing show of stamps with information that is unusual and striking, if possible, about certain stamps; and some of the notes may be elementary even, if they are brightly written. If you want to make stamp collectors through newspaper publicity, technical articles, valuable as they are, will not achieve the end when published in the newspaper columns." This opinion of a trained newspaper man may be kept in mind to advantage by those who conduct philatelic corners or departments in the newspapers. The outsider who is to be attracted to philately must be given only mild doses of philately and the beginner also must not be subjected to any cramming.

NEW POSTAL REGULATIONS.

By joint orders of the Secretary of War and the Postmaster General stamped paper, one-cent post cards and all United States stamped envelopes in the future will be good in the Philippine Islands. The Philippines now maintain a separate postal system, the Postmaster General of the United States having no jurisdiction. They have their own stamped envelopes and other requisites.

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Postmaster General Burleson on May 28 ordered the discontinuance of the printing of the special ten-cent registry stamp, which has been in use for about two years. When the present supply is exhausted no further supply will be issued, and the ordinary postage stamps will take the place of the special registry stamp. Mr. Burleson says the special stamp is unnecessary.

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4c green, "	.06	.06
14c brown, "	.08	.08
24c orange, "	.12	.12
14c black, Fletcher	.25	.12
24c Hostetter, used, unmarked	.08	.08
4c carm. Johnson & Johnson, mint	.06	.03
4c green, Lanman & Kemp, used	.12	.05
14c brown, "	.50	.50
14c blue, "	.18	.10
4c " J. Ellwood Lee, mint	.05	.05
4c carmine, "	.06	.06
14c green, "	.12	.12
24c orange, "	.18	.18
5c chocolate, "	.25	.25
4c Marchand, used, unmarked	.40	.20
14c " " " " " "	.15	.05
14c " " " " " "	.20	.10
24c " " " " " "	.15	.08
34c " " " " " "	.30	.15
44c " " " " " "	2.00	.50
74c " " " " " "	2.50	.50
24c Od. Chem. Co., used, unmarked	.15	.15
4c Pico, mint, (rouletted, Plate Nos.)	.25	.03
4c Radway, used, unmarked	.08	.05
34c Warner's mint, (hyphen-hole used)	.65	.10
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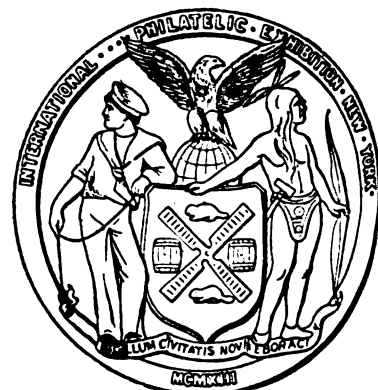
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AEROPLANE CANCELLATIONS.

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From California, where the bird-men
 gambol in the air all the year round,
 comes another aero cancellation. Sacra-
 mento now has two aero cancella-
 tions to its credit. The first was used
 in March, 1912. The second was used
 at a meet held April 19 and 20, 1913.
 The meet was held at Agricultural
 Park (State Fair Grounds) and the
 aviator was Roy Francis. From a special
 postoffice on the grounds Francis
 carried mail to the Oak Park sub-sta-
 tion of the post office, a distance of
 about two miles. I am indebted to Mr.
 H. A. Truby of New Kensington, Pa.,
 and Mr. C. E. Bresee of Sacramento
 for aero cards and to Mr. Bresee for
 my information concerning the use of
 the aero cancellation. Both the aerial
 cancellation and postmark were in red-
 dish purple ink and evidently a rub-
 ber stamp was used for cancelling pur-
 poses. The postmark was a large double
 circle. At the top were the words
 "Aviation Station". In the center was
 the date "Apr. 19. 13. 3 P. M." At the
 bottom were the words "Sacramento,
 Cal." The cancellation consisted of
 four lines, one and one-eighth inches
 in length and one-sixteenth of an inch
 in thickness. The second and third
 lines were broken and set in them were
 the words "Aviation Field." The can-
 cellation and postmark were the same
 as was used at the first meet, the only
 difference being the color of the ink,
 the first aero cancellation being in black.

LARGE LOTS BY COUNTRIES
 are a feature, as usual, in Wolsieffer's Sale
 129, June 14th. Ever try 'em?

SPECIALIZED UNITED STATES.

By **FRANK E. GOODWIN.**

CHAPTER XLI.**1 Cent, Issue of 1881-82.**

A desire to economize in the manu-
 facture of postage stamps in 1881 by
 the American Bank Note Company
 added to the woes of the younger phil-
 atelists, and some of the older ones,
 too. The soft paper which came into
 general use in 1879 did not "take" the
 ink in printing as well as the harder
 paper, and it caused the employees no
 little trouble in properly wiping the
 plates to make acceptable stamps. So it
 was decided to remedy the fault in the
 engraving, by cutting the lines deeper,
 so that less trouble might be had, and
 to the end that much good stamp paper,
 which previously was wasted through
 the printing of stamps which would not
 pass examination might be saved.

It does not seem logical that the
 sometimes printed statement that wear-
 ing of the plates was the cause of re-
 engraving the designs for this issue.
 In fact, it would have been easier to
 have made new plates, from the original
 dies and transfer rolls which had not
 been worn, than to recut the designs.

During July, 1881, the design for the
 1 cent stamp was recut to secure the
 desired result. The stamps showing the
 previous design, fixed up, appeared
 during the latter part of August, in the
 same year.

The writer is of the opinion that the
 original die was not touched by the en-
 graver's tools. From the study of these
 stamps it is my belief that a new die
 was made by making a new transfer
 roll or design from the first used die,
 transferring it to a new die block and
 then recutting the lines and making
 some small changes. The vertical lines
 outside the medallion were deepened
 to such an extent that they printed al-
 most solid, while the background around
 the portrait was materially darkened.

The test which determines the recut
 stamp for the novice collector is found
 in the floreate design in the upper left
 corner. Here is a scroll which curves
 upward and then over, forming a ball at
 the end of the design in white. Within
 this ball has been cut a crescent shaped
 mark, with ends curving upward. In
 the little ball directly over this a line al-
 so is cut in, but in the usual printing this
 was almost or quite obliterated, and in
 some of the stamps the ball itself shows
 but faintly.

KNICK-KNACKS.

The eagle on the registry stamp has
 flown.

Yes, the public wanted the distinctive
 registry stamp until it got it.

Soon, the new generation of phil-
 atelic writers will be saying: "There is
 a crying demand for a special registry
 stamp. When will the laggard authori-
 ties awaken to the fact?"

Now, if the aforesaid gov'ment
 wants really to succor us, let it sell a
 linen-lined registered stamped envelope

The ball described above, in which the
 crescent has been cut, is directly under
 the letter "U" of "U. S."

Mr. Luff, who must be acknowledged
 as the highest authority upon the matter
 of shades, classifies them as follows:
 Dull ultramarine, ultramarine, bright
 ultramarine, gray blue, slate blue, dull
 blue, chalky blue. There is also a shade
 of greenish blue which is rather scarce.

The plates were numbered 359, 360, 361,
 362, 363, 364, 387, 388, 389, 390, 401, 402,
 406, 407, 422, 423, 424, 425, 475.

Steam presses had come into use
 sometime earlier, and they were slowly
 perfected and used upon the 1 and 10
 cent stamps of this issue. These presses
 required the employment of five plates.
 To prevent unequal wearing of the plates
 it was necessary to use the same plates
 together for all steam press printings.
 These were designated by letters, which
 were added to the plate numbers, as
 follows:

C	497,	498,	499,	500,	501
D	502,	503,	504,	505,	506
L	527,	528,	529,	530,	531

There are few varieties found, even
 by the greatest stretch of the imagina-
 tion. I have seen several copies of the
 stamp split, but am inclined to believe
 they are not of true double paper.

The Douglass patent is found in the
 stamp. This consists of two layers of
 paper—a true double paper. The upper
 paper, upon which the design is
 printed is very thin in texture. This
 was punched with eight small holes
 forming a circle—the circles being
 spaced so that one should fall upon each
 stamp design in the sheet. This thin
 facing paper was backed with a thicker
 paper and the design was then printed
 upon the sheet. The idea was that
 should an attempt be made to soak the
 stamps for use again the thin face would
 come away from the back, leaving it
 as if smitten with small-pox, while a
 circle showing parts of the design where
 it printed through the holes would be
 left upon the backing paper.

These stamps were actually sold, hav-
 ing been offered to the public in Wash-
 ington, D. C., at least. They were soon
 withdrawn, and some of the 10,000 which
 were printed got into the stock books
 of dealers.

I have never seen this stamp in sam-
 ple and trial colors, nor have I ever
 seen proofs of it.

(To be continued.)

that will stand the wear and tear of
 rough contact.

That reminds us that General Cool-
 idge was in Chicago recently attending
 a convention and by the time he gets
 to the A. P. S. convention in August,
 he will be keyed up to the presidential
 note.

"Cab" discreetly remains anonymous
 in sending the following diagram: "Pp.
 172, column 2, paragraph headed
 'Stamped.' May I ask in what letter
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 one of his vowels, since in his name
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5 " bistre, "	.01
10 " green, "	.02
20 " rose, "	.04
1 plastre ultra, "	.08
2 " blue gray, "	.15
5 " violet, "	.35
10 " vermillion, "	.60
25 " dark green, "	1.50
50 " brown, "	3.00
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 knowing reader?

A correspondent sends us one of the
 series of twelve "official souvenir postal
 cards," World's Fair, 1893, through the
 mails. Twenty years ago but it seems
 only as many months.

Mr. F. E. Goodwin, St. Louis, intends
 to take a trip to the south with his
 daughter for the benefit of her health.
 The length of Mr. Goodwin's absence
 will be determined by the necessities of
 the case.

A reader has the cancellation, I. O. U.,
 on a postage stamp but if there are no
 initials and amount on it as well, we
 cannot see that the cancellation has any
 value.

A reader in San Francisco says that
 it should not be forgotten that San
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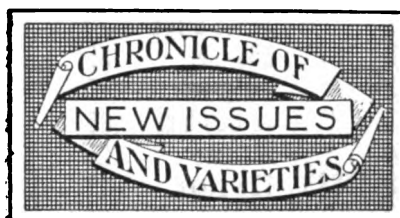
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding pre-cancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

UNITED STATES.—The following new precancels are listed by Frank B. Eldredge:

Minneapolis, Minn.—two lines (MINNEAPOLIS-MINN.) horizontal inscription in large sans-serif capitals 4 mm. high, between two lines 15 mm. apart, and 1½ mm. thick. 1c 1913, Parcel Post.

Philadelphia, Pa.—two lines (Philadelphia—Pa.) horizontal inscription capitals with serifs, type smaller than in any preceding issue, two lines, both at top and bottom, lines 1½ mm. apart and ½ mm. thick, space containing the inscription 14 mm. 1c, 1912.

Thomas Keyes sends us a paid permit Woodville, N. H., No. 1, of interest only as showing that even the smaller country offices are using this labor saving device.

C. S. Gelser has shown us a sheet of the current 1c stamps, which has a curious defect in printing. A colored line, ⅛ inch long begins at a point opposite and in front of the eye, and runs Northeast, ending at the edge of the hair. The stamp is the first in the fourth horizontal row, and the plate number is A5867. Two sheets were found with the same mark.

Postmaster General Burleson has issued an order discontinuing the use of the special ten cent registry stamp and providing that no additional registry stamps shall be printed after the present supply shall have been exhausted. Hereafter ordinary postage stamps may be used for the prepayment of registry fees.

AUSTRALIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report the issue of another high value in the Kangaroo set.

Adhesive.

£1 blue and brown.

AUSTRIA.—Whitfield King show the following values as having been issued on unsurfaced paper, in addition to those previously chronicled: 2h, 20h, 30h and 35h.

BRAZIL.—L'Echo states that the Head of Liberty has been removed from the 1000r stamp of the current series, and the portrait of the Baron of Rio Branco substituted therefor.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—Hermann Focke has shown us the dollar values of the new King George set, the \$1 being used, and probably the first specimen received in this country in that condition.

Adhesives.

\$1 black and carmine.
\$2 gray green and purple.
\$5 violet and black on red.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us the temporary printing of the ½d and 1d, Canoe type, on thin multiple paper as noted in No. 1170. The difference between the two papers is very noticeable. Mr. Galbraith also shows us the ½d, 1d, 3d and 11d King George stamps, Grenada type, as noted some time since.

CANAL ZONE.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the new post card, chronicled in No. 1163. Curiously enough, the original card, without surcharge is not yet obtainable at any of the Panama post offices.

CEYLON.—Maury's Collectionneur reports two new cards in the new type.

Post Cards.

2c olive yellow on white.
2x2c olive yellow on white.

CHILE.—Owing to an overstock of the 1c orange and 2c brown revenue stamps, the Minister of the Interior has authorized their use as postage stamps. Frank C. Davis has shown us a cover franked with one of the 2c stamps.

CHINA.—Whitfield King & Co. report having seen the 5c blue postage due stamp, surcharged "Republic." As this value has already been issued in the brown color with the same overprint, the blue ones are likely to be scarce.

The New England Stamp Co. has shown us a new stamp from this country, possibly a revenue, but very handsomely engraved and printed. The size, shape and arrangement are the same as the two commemorative sets recently issued, and evidently like them printed at the Pekin Bureau. The oval is larger and shows as a centre piece a section of the Great Chinese Wall, with one of the forts as a prominent feature. All inscriptions are in Chinese, with the exception of the value which appears in Chinese at the sides and in English at the bottom. The ornaments consist entirely of heads of wheat and are very gracefully arranged. In fact the whole design is very pretty and effective. The specimen shown us, value 2c, has three Chinese characters roughly printed across the English inscription, but as they are indistinct, it is very difficult to arrive at the meaning. An expert says the inscription reads "Chinese Republic, Seal Cotton-Tax Stamp."

DUTCH INDIES.—Whitfield King & Co. report having received the 1g and 2½g, printed on blue paper, but we are not informed whether the colors of the ink have also been changed.

GREECE.—The special commemorative stamps in honor of the success of the Allies in the Balkan War, announced some time since, have at last been issued, according to Lemaire's Journal. There are two designs and five values thus far, the stamps being of large size. One design, that used for the 1l, 5l, 10l and 5d stamps show the luminous cross which appeared to Constantine the Great in 312, with the Greek translation of the words, "In hoc signo vinces," above the Acropolis. "Ellas" appears at the top and the value at the bottom. Below the central picture is the inscription "EKSTPATEIA 1912." The other design shows an eagle strangling a serpent with rays of sunshine breaking through the clouds. The inscriptions are the same as in the other design, though the "1912" is before not after the accompanying word. This design is used for the 3l value. All are poorly printed, and have done little to give honor to modern Greek art.

Adhesives.

1l brown.
3l orange.
5l green.
10l rose.
5d gray.

HUNGARY.—The card as chronicled in No. 1170 has been issued, according to a copy shown us by Mr. Schachne in a separate issue for Croatia. This card bears two lines of inscription and two lines of instructions at bottom.

Post Card.

Issue for Croatia
5f green on buff.

NEW ZEALAND.—The 9d red violet of 1898, which was withdrawn some time ago, has been reissued on account of a change in the tariff of Parcels Post.

PHILIPPINES.—The Postmaster General and Secretary of War Garrison have signed a joint order directing that after July 1 the embossed stamped envelopes and single-one-cent postal cards of the United States be valid for postage in the Philippine Islands when directed to addresses in the United States and that those of the Philippines be accepted here under similar conditions. Stamps are not included in the order.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—Champion's Bulletin states that new stamps are shortly to be issued for the following Colonies: Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea, Mozambique, St. Thomas and Prince, Congo, Lorenzo Marques, Inhambane and "Quelemane e Tate" the latter being a new Colony.

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RUSSIA.—Mr. Schachne reports the new post cards and letter cards as chronicled in No. 1163. The letter cards are on gray.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Mr. Schachne has just received the new King George card, in the usual type.

Post Card.

3c carmine on buff.

SURINAM.—The low values are being issued without background around the figure of value, like those for Dutch Indies previously noted, the ½c in this form being noted by Maury's Collectionneur.

TURKEY.—Maury's Collectionneur adds the following stationery with stamp in the design of the adhesives recently noted.

Envelopes.

20pa red on blue.
1pi blue on gray.

Post Cards.

10pa green on buff.
10x10pa green on buff.
20pa rose on buff.
20x20pa rose on buff.

Letter Cards.

20pa red.
1pi blue.

RETURN OF W. F. GREGORY.

After a long-time vacation an old-time advertiser, W. F. Gregory, again enters our columns. His name will be a familiar one to hundreds of our readers and the collectors of more recent years do not need to hesitate in extending him a measure of their patronage.

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RARE CONFEDERATE PROVISIONALS found by Mr. Bescher, see Wolsieffer's Sale 129 of June 14th next.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

DISCURSIVE NOTES.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

I know a young man who went without an overcoat one bitter winter that he might possess an *editio princeps* Dryden. He was your genuine book-lover. His counterpart has been found among collectors of stamps. A shilling New Brunswick has enriched an enthusiast's collection, the result of dispensing with a third meal a day for the allotted period of one hundred days. He declared that only twice was he remorseful,—once when he wished it had been an invert fifteen cents 1869, and again when a Pan-American error was lost to him for poverty's sake.

"I gather up unto myself the old things," wrote that charming correspondent, Charles Lamb. It was also Lamb who, buying books for his friend, the poet Wordsworth, wrote: "Next to the pleasure of buying a bargain for one's self, is the pleasure of persuading a friend to buy it." The gentle essayist lived a philosophy sweet and noble, and this expression of it found echo in my heart last Christmas, when a friend in New York sent me as a holiday gift a packet of very scarce stamps lacking in my collection. With them were two stamps excessively rare in the condition these proved to be. The price of the two was very low, considering condition and rarity. I hesitated—and was saved. Later, I learned my friend could have sold the two stamps at an advance which made it trebly worth while. He has picked up for me many choice things, at a very low price, too. I think he must be a reincarnation of my beloved C. L.

In the course of a paper recently printed in the WEEKLY, I took occasion to mention the loss of a first edition of "Album Weeds," which went down with the mails in the wreck of the steamer Titanic a year ago. A copy of this edition has reached me from a correspondent in London, who says: "I have been advertising for 'Album Weeds' for some time, and only this week have been able to get a copy. The book is decidedly scarce." My copy bears the marks of a studious hand, and forgeries have been hinged in many places in the pages devoted to the country in question. The stamps, I regret, with only three exceptions, have been removed. There is an enriching note, too, under Sierra Leone, wherein a forgery unchronicled in this edition is elucidated in a most satisfying manner. A fly-leaf bears the name J. deC. Laffan, and the date, March, 1884. As the book was issued 1883, its former owner was amply rewarded for the twenty-nine years of usage. It is hoped he has not made himself poor that my yearning shelves might be enriched.

There is the nucleus of an organization in the Stamp Collectors' Fellowship, which in time will do much to increase interest among the younger collectors. The father of the organization, years ago, was encouraged greatly in his boyish collecting by a man twenty years his senior. The kindness remained with him through the years, a dear memory. Recently he learned the son of an old friend had begun collecting stamps. The Fellowship was formed with one Fellow and one member. The boy has interested a school friend. It is believed that with a corps of perhaps twenty Fellows, who shall be more or less advanced collectors, a crusade could be started which would include at least two hundred members-in-ordinary. Much of the work could be done by correspondence, the object being to aid and encourage the young collector with advice and direction. There are no dues of any sort,—fellowship the sole requisite to membership. I shall be glad to correspond with any one interested in the principles of the Fellowship.

(To be continued.)

U. S. REVENUES AND PROOFS fine lot in Wolsieffer's Sale 120 of June 14th next.

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AUTHOR'S FOREWORD.

I do not propose to delve into such matters as the origin of stamps and postal systems, the history of stamp collecting, or other such generalia. I will start by presuming my readers are stamp-collectors, have an album of sorts, a certain number of stamps, and sufficient enthusiasm to wish to become acquainted with what I may perhaps term the "technicalities" of our hobby.

Take a stamp and examine it for a moment and see if you can, metaphorically, split it up into its component parts. Of what does it consist? A little thought will show that it consists of a design printed in color on paper. Then it will usually be found there is some sort of separation, for the easy severance of one stamp from another, gum, by means of which it may easily be affixed to a postal package, and in quite a large number of cases there is also a watermark.

The first three—design, color and paper—are the essentials, and these parts are of primary importance; watermarks, when present, are also important as they form an actual part of the stamp; but separation and gum are not of primary importance for they are not parts of the stamp as originally printed. They are additions made for the sake of convenience—very useful additions it must be admitted, for had the perforation machine never been invented and had there been no means of attaching mucilage to the backs of stamps it is quite conceivable that their use would have been restricted to such an extent that they would probably long ago have been superseded by some more convenient invention.

Our dissected stamp, therefore, splits up into the following parts:—

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|------------|----------------|
| (a) Design | (d) Watermark |
| (b) Color | (e) Separation |
| (c) Paper | (f) Gum |

These are not only the parts of a stamp but they are also the general divisions into which all varieties naturally fall. I have arranged them in what I consider their "philatelically logical" sequence.

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THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE. Bavaria.

THE NINTH ISSUE.

Some time during the latter part of the year 1881, the contract for supplying the paper for postage stamps, which had up to then been held by the Pasing Mill, was awarded to the Munich-Dachau Paper Manufacturing Company—a concern equipped with more modern machinery and able to turn out a better grade of paper. At the time of this change it was also decided to alter the style of watermark. A new dandy-roll was ordered from England and this made a watermark of zig-zag lines running in a vertical direction down the stamps, the lines being spaced about $7\frac{1}{2}$ mm. apart. This paper was white wove and the improved appearance of the stamps showed it was of better quality than that previously used. No alteration was made in the colors of the various denominations and the perforation remained the same as before. The first stamps on the new paper were ready for issue about November, 1881, and they were placed on sale as the stocks of the old varieties became exhausted. It is probable that all except the 2 marks were in use before the end of the year. The 2 marks did not appear until 1891.

Reference List.

1881-91. Wmk. vertical zig-zag lines close together. Perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$.

- 48. 3pf green, Scott's No. 48.
- 49. 5pf mauve, Scott's No. 49.
- 50. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 50.
- 51. 20pf blue, Scott's No. 51.
- 52. 25pf bistre-brown, Scott's No. 52.
- 53. 50pf brown, Scott's No. 53.
- 54. 1 mark mauve, Scott's No. 54.
- 55. 2 mark orange, Scott's No. 55.



THE TENTH ISSUE.

Although the Imperial currency was issued in 1876 the pfennige values continued to be printed in the small sheets of 60 and these did not altogether fit in with a decimal currency. It was decided, therefore, to alter the size of the sheets and in January 1888 some of the values made their appearance in sheets of 100 and before long all the pfennige stamps had appeared thus. The stamps were divided into two panes of fifty (five rows of ten) placed one above the other. An interval about the height of a stamp was left between the panes and across this space two thick horizontal lines were printed. The plates being of a new size the paper had to be cut accordingly and, to avoid unnecessary waste, it was found best to cut the paper so that on the printed stamps the watermarked wavy lines run in a horizontal instead of perpendicular direction. Naturally this change in the size of the sheets made the perforating machine, which had been constructed to perforate a pane of thirty stamps at a time, of no use and a new one had to be ordered. This one was also on the narrow principle and perforated an entire pane of fifty stamps at one operation but the punches were smaller and placed closer together so that the gauge is $14\frac{1}{2}$ in place of the $11\frac{1}{2}$ found in connection with previous issues. No alteration in the size of the sheets of the mark values was made so that the watermark on these is vertical.

An official notice issued by the Post Office authorities under date December 23rd, 1889, foreshadowed several changes of color. It was stated that the 3pf would be issued in brown, the 5pf in green, the 25pf in orange and the 50pf in red-

brown. The result of these changes was to make a more marked distinction between the colors chosen for the various denominations and it also gave the 5pf its proper Postal Union tint. These new varieties were placed on sale as the stocks of the old ones were used up. Their actual date of issue is indefinite but all four were probably on sale by March, 1890.

Early in 1900, the set was enriched by the addition of four new values—2pf, 30pf, 40pf, and 80pf. They were probably placed on sale on January 1st. In design, watermark, perforation, and size of sheets they correspond exactly to the values previously described.

About this period it was noticed that paper of a whiter appearance was being used but these are listed as separate varieties in Gibbons' catalogue, the distinction is one of comparatively little importance. Most of the values of this series provide a pleasing array of shades.

Reference List.

1888-1900. Wmk. horizontal zig-zag lines close together. Perf. $14\frac{1}{2}$.

- 56. 2pf grey, Scott's No. 60.
- 57. 3pf green, Scott's No. 56.
- 58. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 62.
- 59. 5pf mauve, Scott's No. 57.
- 60. 5pf green, Scott's No. 63.
- 61. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 58.
- 62. 20pf blue, Scott's No. 59.
- 63. 25pf bistre-brown, Scott's No. 60.
- 64. 25pf orange, Scott's No. 64.
- 65. 30pf olive green, Scott's No. 67.
- 66. 40pf yellow, Scott's No. 68.
- 67. 50pf brown, Scott's No. 61.
- 68. 50pf maroon, Scott's No. 65.
- 69. 80pf mauve, Scott's No. 69.

THE ELEVENTH ISSUE.

The necessity for stamps of a higher facial value than 2 marks resulted in the issue of 3 and 5 mark stamps on April 1st, 1900. These are exactly similar in design to the 1 and 2 mark values and it is evident that the dies were secondary ones, struck from the matrix of the 1 mark, with the appropriate numerals inserted in the angles. These stamps were also printed in sheets of fifty and the same perforating machine gauging $11\frac{1}{2}$ was used. The watermark, also, is perpendicular as in the case of the earlier mark stamps.

Reference List.

1900. Wmk. vertical zig-zag lines close together. Perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$.

- 70. 3 marks, olive-brown, Scott's No. 70.
- 71. 5 marks pale green, Scott's No. 71.

THE TWELFTH ISSUE.

Early in March, 1903, the 5 pfennige stamp appeared with the watermark vertical instead of horizontal. This is the only one of the small size stamps with the perforation gauging $14\frac{1}{2}$ to appear with the watermark in this position.

Reference List.

1903. Wmk. vertical zig-zag lines close together. Perf. $14\frac{1}{2}$.

- 72. 5pf green, Scott's No. 72.

THE THIRTEENTH ISSUE.

In December, 1910, the four mark values appeared with the watermarked zig-zag lines horizontal instead of vertical. For what reason the change was made—meaning, of course, that the paper was cut in a different way—is not known but there seems to have been only one printing for in the following year the portrait stamps made their appearance. According to the *Illustrirte Briefmarken Journal* the quantities printed were as follows:—1 mark, 400,000; 2 marks, 300,000; 3 marks, 200,000; and 5 marks, 100,000.

Reference List.

1910. Wmk. horizontal zig-zag lines, close together. Perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$.

- 73. 1 mark, mauve, Scott's No. 73.
- 74. 2 marks, orange, Scott's No. 74.
- 75. 3 marks, olive-brown, Scott's No. 75.
- 76. 5 marks, pale green, Scott's No. 76.

(To be continued.)

2 SWEDEN No. 1 AND BOMBA HEADS may be found in Wolsieffer's Sale 129 of June 14th next.

COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

PLEASED TO HEAR IT.

TO THE EDITOR:—

As an officer of the A. P. S. I wish to thank you particularly for the first editorial in your issue of May 24th. You hit the nail on the head on this subject of attending the A. P. S. Convention, and would all the dealers who are really most vitally interested that the interest in Philately flourish, encourage their clients to join this American society, it would not only keep a great many interested very much longer than the majority are, but increase their trade and insure a splendid attendance at such an American Exhibition as is planned in October.

A point, also not to be forgotten by editors and publishers is that the more organized collectors there are the larger should be their subscription list which naturally leads to an increased demand for advertising space.

Trusting you will find space for further such subjects, and again thanking you for this recruiting work,

Yours truly,

C. F. HEYERMAN.

MESA, ARIZ., May 21, '13.

TO THE EDITOR:

As an aftermath of the floods which devastated the Ohio valley the last of March, I have received a circular letter from George Ward Linn, of Columbus, Ohio, which reads in part as follows:

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"My home and office from which I conduct all my stamp business is damaged little. The furniture and contents on the lower floor were under eight feet of water. My philatelic library of about 350 bound volumes is nearly completely ruined."

This seems to me opportunity most fitting for the philately fraternity to show its appreciation of a brave man's sacrifices. Mr. Linn's library has been ruined. Many of his treasured volumes can never be replaced. Others can be supplied perhaps by the fraternity, and in this way each individual philatelist can have direct hand in replacing the books gone forever.

I would suggest that any one who has a file or odd numbers of prominent philatelic papers, past and present,—handbooks,—any work on philately,—send it to George Ward Linn, Clinton Building, Columbus, Ohio, with a word of cheer.

This letter is written without the knowledge of Mr. Linn. I do not ask his approval. That is a matter we, his friends, demand as right to arrogate to ourselves. It is far easier to be kind than it is to be brave. The harder part having fallen to Mr. Linn, let the easier be our legacy.

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CHAPTER VII.—The Matter of Buying.

The stamp business has changed greatly in the last ten years, and there are now practically no great strictly wholesale dealers, carrying a large general wholesale line and issuing an extended price list in which stamps of almost every country are quoted by the 10, 100 or 1000. The great number of new stamps has made it almost impossible for any one dealer to carry a general wholesale stock, and so many of the older issues have been absorbed by collectors that they are practically unobtainable in wholesale quantities. Every dealer knows of stamps cataloguing at only a few cents which he finds it impossible to keep in stock, nor does he know where to buy them at wholesale.

Fifteen years ago it was possible to buy almost any United States stamp cataloguing up to \$2.00 by the ten or by the hundred. Such stamps as the 5, 10, 12, 15, 24 and 30c of 1861; most values of the 1869; the 7, 12, and 24c of 1872; 30c of 1888, and 15 and 50c Columbian, etc., could be had by the hundred from a number of different sources. Stamps like the 12c, 1856; 90c, 1861; 15 and 30c, 1869; 90c, 1888; etc., could be had by the ten, while the lower values of the older issues were very frequently quoted by the thousand. These supplies of early United States stamps have absolutely disappeared. The writer does not know of a single wholesale list from any part of the world which offers the above stamps in the quantities mentioned. The 3c, 1861 does still appear by the hundred and thousand, and the 3c, 1851, 1856 and 1869 are occasionally offered by the hundred, but even these latter stamps are more frequently quoted by the ten. Varieties like the higher values named above simply cannot be found any longer in the wholesale lists. Once in a while a single variety may be quoted by some misguided foreign dealer, but when they are ordered they either arrive in abominable condition or are reported out of stock.

The same conditions exist in the older stamps of many other countries.

What has become of all the early low priced Canadians which have been getting so hard to obtain the last few years? The result of these conditions is, that the stocks of regular wholesale dealers to-day are composed in very large proportion of recent issues. Dealing in the older stamps in quantity has resolved itself into picking up jobs-lots when they may be had.

As the character of the wholesale business has changed in the last few years so has the character of the retail business. Dealers themselves have come to specialize and the number of dealers who attempt to carry a complete stock is much smaller than formerly. A great many dealers to-day confine themselves simply to buying collections, breaking them up and selling at retail. It is assumed, however, that our young dealer wishes to do a more general business and that he intends to handle a considerable variety of low priced stamps. Various wholesalers advertise in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY and from these you will be able to obtain many varieties. If you are starting in the stamp business, you will have to learn largely by experience what class of stamps to buy. It is much easier to point out a few stumbling blocks to be avoided, than it is to lay out any particular rules to guide the new dealer in laying in his stock.

One of the greatest stumbling blocks to a new dealer is what merchants call "over-buying" and what some old New Englanders used to term "buying yourself poor." A lot of stamps comes along at a tempting price and there may be, say, five hundred copies in the bunch. You know that you have immediate sale for, perhaps, only fifty of them, but the profit looks so large that you buy ten times as many as you need. If you keep on with this practice you will find that you have piled up in your stock large quantities of stamps for which you have no immediate market and which you can get rid of but slowly. Your money being invested in this dead stock, you have no cash to pay for something else you need and the perversity of events is such that the best bargains are usually offered

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In sorting my recent purchase of precancelled stamps, a lot of straight edge and slightly damaged copies were found. These include all values and no attention has been paid to them for minor varieties. These are all on the 1898 and 1902 issue of U. S., so none could possibly have been used in the last five years. No badly damaged copies counted. This packet is returnable, if found unsatisfactory.

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CHAPTER XLII.

3 Cents, 1881-82.

A stamp which puzzles the younger collectors up to the time when they are well along in their studies of the stamps of the United States is the 3 cent, re-engraved, issue of 1881-82. Then when they learn to distinguish it from the ones of the '70s they wonder that they were ever so "stupid" as not to have been able to separate them at a glance. But such is collecting. I have had collectors of several years' experience say that they never could understand the secret marks in the 3c, 1873, which, when pointed out to them, with a diagram—see the sickly smile—it's as easy as can be, they say.

The 3 cent stamp of 1881-82 was delivered to the government by the American Bank Note Company in July, 1881. At first glance it resembles its predecessor very much, for the reason that it is printed in the same design, with the lines deepened. It is stated that the use of soft paper made it necessary to so deepen the lines of engraving so that the plates could be properly wiped to produce good printing. Vertical lines were added to the medallion, and those of the shading were much deepened, so

that the design, when printed, shows almost solid color.

The test for the beginner to familiarize himself with is the distinguishing mark which was added, so that the stamp might never be confounded by the authorities with the 3 cent stamp which it superseded. This mark is a straight dash under the ribbon, at the right, directly beneath the letters "TS" in Cents.

Mr. Luff gives the shades as yellow green, gray green and blue green—certainly not an imposing array of shades with which to wrestle, when compared with most of the other issues and denominations.

A large number of plates were made, from which to print these stamps. The plate numbers employed were: 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 395, 396, 397, 398, 408, 409, 410, 411, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421.

These were printed on soft, porous paper, in various thicknesses, and several textures. In fact there is such an array of paper differences that a close student of stamps would be doing philately a splendid service if he was to make an intelligent study and classification of the varieties of thickness and

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A NEW PERFORATION GAUGE.

By WM. L. STEVENSON.

Some time ago, certain French collectors and students of stamps called attention to the fact that there were differences in the perforations of the stamps they were examining and that occasionally these differences occurred in stamps that were otherwise precisely alike. This was an innovation and, of course, was frowned upon by early authorities. The discoverers persisted in their studies, however, and even invented means for measuring the differences found. They were French and naturally adopted the French metric system. They counted the number of holes in a space of two centimeters. If they had been English they would probably have counted the holes in one inch.

of stamps and perforation gauges. Further: while a one-half gauge to the present standard is minute enough for most purposes, two good observers may differ in the measurement of a particular specimen. A more accurate reading is needed even for general use and for my particular use we need one to measure even slighter differences. The same applies to the study of English stamps as well as to our own.

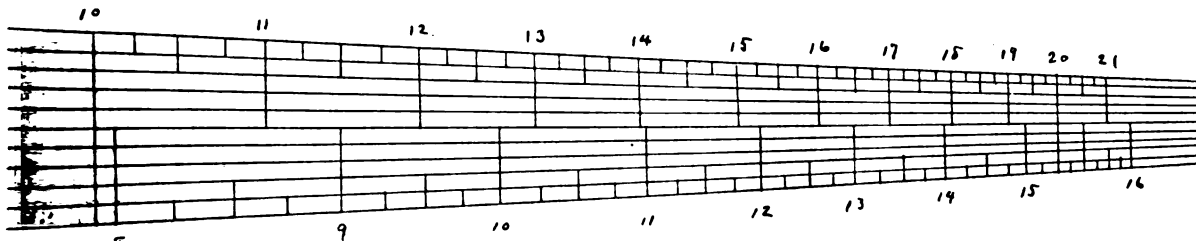
I herewith submit my idea of a real gauge. This is a simple attempt to magnify the readings for greater accuracy by the old standard and to get an inch gauge with direct comparison with the old gauge measures.

Prescription. Slip your stamp along

lieve a simpler and more accurate scale can be devised. A simple trial will convince anyone.

It may be well to explain that this gauge does not measure directly the number of holes in a given distance. It measures them indirectly by measuring the space occupied by ten holes. The eleven lines simply aid in counting the eleven holes. The outer lines, centered in the first and eleventh holes, give an exact measure of the distance between their centers.

If you have an exact 12 gauge perforation (old style) the 12 holes cover exactly 20 mm. and the ten holes 10/12 of 20 mm. which is the distance across the scale where I have marked it 12.



These Frenchmen wrote articles and books and otherwise advertised the idea until collectors generally came to admit that there was perhaps something of interest in these differences; and so they adopted the scale or gauge. We have used that same gauge until now. It works. Many are given away or sold as being perfectly accurate. Perhaps they are.

It is probably better that for general use this gauge be retained as all are familiar with it and most articles and books are based on it. As long as we have a fixed standard, it matters little for general purposes whether we measure the holes in two centimeters or in eleven something else.

However, in studying U. S. stamps, I have found reasons for using the inch scale in a number of places as it was the scale on which these stamps were produced. This applies especially to measurement of sizes of stamps, and of grilles, and to measuring shrinkage effects as applied to or affecting sizes

of the scale till the eleven converging lines fall within successive holes. Forget all except the two outer lines. Adjust your stamp so that the lines for these holes exactly "center" in the holes. If you want the number of holes to the inch, read the top scale. If you want the present gauge, read the other scale. If you simply want a comparison of the two scales, lay a pencil across the scale and you have the two corresponding readings. In any case, you cannot avoid getting accurate readings to within one-fourth of a gauge.

The illustration may not give you such accurate readings. The drawing from which it came was photographed and may not be reproduced in exact size. I do not know whether these can be produced commercially to sell at a price which would make them available for all. It would be necessary to use a material with no shrinkage. Shrinkage across the scale would throw the whole thing wrong. I hope someone will make the attempt, as I do not be-

lieve a simpler and more accurate scale can be devised. A simple trial will convince anyone.

The full gauges are here constructed with some accuracy. The fractional gauges are guessed at. These should be constructed as well as the full ones. This would be simple to the instruments of precision of the scale makers.

If anyone should care to construct one of these for personal use I would say that I have here used a base-line in the center which is five inches long and a perpendicular line at either end, one 1 inch long and the other 1/2 inch long. This gives the convergence here seen.

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weave which he may be able to discover.

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The student of stamps who delights in searching for very minor varieties will find this a fruitful field for his magnifying glass. There are numerous engravers' lines at sides and bottom, in various distances from the design. Other minute differences can be found with a strong glass and perhaps an equally strong imagination.

Proofs, the samples and trial colors add to the attractiveness of the page devoted to this issue.

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EDITORIAL.

An Order—Here is a new regulation that has been announced by Lindley M. Garrison, Secretary of War, and Postmaster General Burleson: "On and after July 1, 1913, the embossed stamped envelopes and single one-cent postal cards of the United States shall be valid for postage in the Philippine Islands when directed to addresses in the United States, and the embossed stamped envelopes and the single one-cent postal cards of the Philippine Islands shall be valid for postage in the United States when directed to addresses in the Philippine Islands."

Panama-Pacific Labels—Mr. J. Rausch, San Francisco, writes: "When the labels described editorially in the issue of May 17th were first issued, they were on sale at all book stores and many of them were sold and used as stickers on envelopes. They often were sent through the mails on the front of envelopes although the authorities may have intercepted some of the letters and returned them with the information that the labels were permitted to be used only on the back of letters. There was another label issued at about the same time but it as well as the one described by you has not been on sale for a long time, although I do not think that the issue of these two labels was suppressed by the postal authorities."

An Appeal—It has been called to our attention that the postoffice department in prohibiting the issue and use of advertising labels having relation even in a remote degree to postage stamps is acting well within its rights. It is farthest from the thoughts of the department to work hardship or disappointment even on philatelists but in the enforcement of the laws, class interests properly are not recognized. The interpretation of a law may vary to some extent according to the ideas of the one whose duty it is to make it

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effective but that the acts of the authorities are based on public policy and not persecution is apparent to those who come in contact with the officers. We trust that in time some of the onerous exactions, from a philatelic viewpoint, that are imposed by Washington will be removed but to intemperately berate the officers and assail their motives when they tread on philately's toes is folly. In fact, it is worse than folly, as criticisms of the kind will stir the resentment of the federal folks and forfeit their esteem for philatelists. On the contrary philatelists should co-operate with the authorities rather than condemn them and when they do so, any feeling that philatelists are meddling or intractable will die away as having no foundation in fact. Philatelists should feel close to the department and help it rather than hamper its work. It is fitting, too, that philatelists have a fair sense of the perspective and realize that they are but a part even if an important one of the great American public.

First American Album—A delver into the historical side of philately asks when the first stamp album was published in this country. Some years ago when a part of one of the D. Appleton and Company's album, published in 1863, fell into our hands, we used it as a text for a retrospection of philately in this country and said that this stamp album was the first one made in this country, no doubt. As the opinion was not controverted, we assume that the Appleton album was the one that blazed the way in America. A copy of the album is in the congressional library at Washington; and the work fits the following description: Album for postage and other stamps, American and foreign. New York, 1863, D. Appleton & Co., 208 pp., illustrated, with maps.

It Is Like This—Another question has come to us in the following words: "In the prefatory note of Fred J. Melville's 'The Postage Stamps of the United States of America' among the publications mentioned from which information had been collected by Mr. Melville is 'Mr. Eli Bowen's United States Postal Guide, 1851.' I should like some information about this volume, if you know anything about it." For a work that we have never seen we know much about Mr. Bowen's old postal guide. The appearance of the book and the character of its contents have been described to us and if necessary, we could give something of a biographical sketch of Mr. Eli Bowen who was a distinguished son of Pennsylvania and who at one time was in the postoffice at Washington. Mr. Bowen was known both as Eli and Eli, although Eli is the inscription on Mr. Bowen's grave-stone at Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Bowen was a fluent and versatile writer whose pen was most at home in describing the natural beauties and the internal improvements of his own state. For instance, his Pictorial Sketch Book of Pennsylvania was a repository of information about the Keystone State. We understand that Mr. Melville found his "Guide" in a book-store in England quite by accident but we have tried to obtain the book for years without success. We have advertised in some of the local newspapers in Pennsylvania and have tried the old book shops with barren results. For the time being we shall have to content ourselves with Charles M. Willard's Complete Post Office Manual, April 1st, 1851.

Hist—An esteemed reader writes: "On May 29th, 1913, I received a letter

from the Third Assistant Postmaster General in which he states: 'You are informed that the department has not issued the five-cent stamp with the new perforations in endwise coils.' Perhaps, Knick-Knacks can tell me where the dealer got his supply of these stamps which they advertise for sale.' We had a dim recollection of having seen an official notice of the issue of the stamp in question, which faded away entirely in the light of the foregoing statement. Great little mystery, eh?

Stamps in Booklets—Our welcome monthly visitor, *Everybody's Philatelist*, says that the collecting of stamp booklets has had a great impetus through the issue by the government of the stamps in coils in part perforated condition and that the very reason for neglecting them before then, straight edges at sides and bottom has become an argument in favor of collecting them since the advent of the coil varieties. Mr. Mudge's investigations as to the plating arrangement of the booklet stamps with the resulting diagrams as published in the WEEKLY some years ago were instrumental in starting a few collectors as booklet specialists and they now have reason to feel that they were wise in their day.

Charges—All the sensational talk of book-keeping jugglery during Hitchcock's administration so that, it is alleged, a record for economy could be established, gives more force than ever to Channing's statement: "Such importance do we attach to the freest communication with all parts of the country—so much do we desire that the poor as well as the rich may enjoy the means of intercourse—that we would sooner have the Post Office a tax on the revenue than one of its sources."

NEW NICARAGUA STAMPS.

By A. W. DUNNING.

From Nicaragua has come a new provisional. This is made by surcharging the 1 peso orange stamps of 1912 (Scott's No. 307) as follows:

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 1913

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 5 " " 50 " " " 452
 6 " " 1 peso, " " 453
 2 " " 2 " " " 308
 10 " " 2 " " " 454

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Rochester Philatelic Association was held Wednesday evening, May 28th, at the Club Rooms. Entertainment was furnished in the form of an exhibit of the collection of Paul C. Wild. A beautiful used copy of the 13c Hawaiian missionary was shown by A. J. Ludolph and an extensive and rare accumulation of old U. S. in blocks, pairs, strips—some with plate numbers and imprints—and entire covers, etc., was shown by Dr. G. P. French. The next meeting, June 25th, will be the last regular gathering of the season.

—The Suburban Stamp & Curio Club will hold a special meeting at 8 P. M. June 19th in room 321 Tremont Building, Boston. An auction sale for the benefit of the general fund will be a special feature. All Boston and suburban collectors are heartily invited.

—In the May number of the *Swedish Philatelic Journal*, the philatelic society of Halsingfors, Finland, issues a warning against Arthur Aarnio of Tammerfors who has offered for sale forged stamps among others: Finland 3rub 50kop and 7rubel of 1891-92; 5 and 10 mark of 1889, and 10 mark of 1901.

—"I have been very well pleased with the returns of this year. At first they were rather slow in coming in, but of late they have been exceptionally good, and I have tried about all the best weekly and monthlies going."—ALAN N. STEIN.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from A. H. Loomis and E. M. White.

—The collection of the late Frank Bescher is being sold today by Wolsieffer.

—"New Bavarian postage stamps will soon be issued. Designs for them have already been submitted and are under consideration by the Regent's Minister of Commerce. Concerning the new stamps it may be said that they will be produced by an entirely new process, which will guarantee extraordinary technical perfection in the portrait as well as great beauty of color."—Clipping from JOHN W. HOFFMAN.

GERMAN AUCTION PRICES.

The Chapman Sale just concluded in Philadelphia by the Philadelphia Stamp Co. was a very successful one and our readers will be pleased to study some of the prices realized. The New South Wales Gibbons No. 37, cataloged at \$30, fetched \$80, and the big prices on the Bomba Heads of Two Sicilies are also worth noting:—

Description.	Catalog.	Brought
Canada, 1852, 6d	10.00	8.25
Ceylon, 1sh 9d*	30.00	19.50
France, Offices in Hoi Hao, 1901, 5fr red lilac	12.50	10.00
Great Britain, 1840, 1d black	..	42.00
1880, 2sh pale brown, * o. g.	40.00	34.00
1882-83, 5sh rose, * o. g.	75.00	39.00
1883, 2sh 6d lilac, * o. g.	22.50	19.00
Hanover, 1859-61, 10g green on part of cover	20.00	14.00
Hawaii, 1859-65, 2c blk., "I" of "Inter" above "inter"	..	24.00
5c blue on blue, Crocker Plate 19, No. 2	25.00	22.50
New Brunswick, 1851, 6d on original embossed cover, cancelled "Paid"	20.00	18.00
New Foundland, 1857, 4d orange *	20.00	21.00
New South Wales, 1d lake, Gib. 10, Pl. 2 No. 8	25.00	26.00
1d lake, grayish, Gib. 10, Pl. 2 No. 11	25.00	27.00
1d lake, grayish, Gib. 10, Pl. 2 No. 3	25.00	17.00
1d red, grayish, Gib. 11, Pl. 2 No. 21	15.00	14.00
2d pale blue, Gib. 18a, Pl. 1 No. 24	20.00	25.00
2d pale blue, Gib. 18a, Pl. 2 No. 15	20.00	24.00
2d blue, Gib. 21, Pl. 2 No. 6	15.00	15.00
1851, 2d violet blue, laid, Gib. 34, Pl. 4 No. 4	18.75	15.00
2d deep blue, Gib. 30, Pl. 4 No. 8	15.00	13.00
2d lilac blue, laid paper, Gib. 37, Pl. 5 No. 3	30.00	80.00
1850, 3d yellow green, Gib. 38 No. 20	15.00	16.00
Parma, 1859, 80c olive yellow	17.50	18.30
Persia, 1868, 8s rose *	2.50	3.25
Peru, 1858, 1/2p orange yel., 1859, 1d *	9.00	9.00
1859, 1p horizontal pair,	2.50	3.50
Philippine Islands, 1854, 5c	25.00	21.00
5c brown orange	30.00	21.00
10c carmine, * o. g.	25.00	20.00
Portugal, 1895 St. Anthony set complete, three used	30.61	24.00
Roman States, 1852, 1 scudo,	10.00	9.00
St. Vincent, 1880, 1/2 on half of 6d yellow green, strip of four; all * o. g.	40.00	26.00
1/2 on half of 6d yellow green, pair, first stamp without fraction bar, * o. g.	..	40.00
Spain, 6r blue *	20.00	13.50
10 green	20.00	14.00
1851, 12c lilac	3.00	5.00
1852, 2r red *	125.00	70.00
2r scarlet	80.00	50.00
Swiss Cantons: Basle, 2 1/2r black, crimson and blue	45.00	51.00
Geneva, 1843, 10c yellow green	175.00	157.00
1845-47, 5c yellow green	8.00	6.20
5c dark green on part of cover	12.00	13.00
Switzerland, 1849-50, 5c red and black	10.00	22.00
Transvaal, 1879, 1d red pair, 1 stamp with small capital T, * o. g.	..	41.00
3d lilac, pair, one stamp with small capital T	..	41.00
3d lilac on blue, strip of three * o. g.	18.00	11.00
Trinidad, 1851, 1d very fine * o. g. pair	20.00	15.00
1855-60, 1d slate blue	17.50	15.50
1855-60, 1d slate blue	17.50	10.00
Turkey, 20pa tete beche pair * o. g.	..	10.00
1pi violet, tete beche pair * o. g.	..	10.50
4pi another pair just as fine * o. g.	..	20.00
5pi tete beche pair * o. g.	..	10.00
Turks Islands, 1881, 2 1/2d on 6d double surcharge, * o. g.	..	32.00

Two Sicilies, 1859, 1/2g *	5.00	7.15
1859, 1/2g * o. g.	5.00	7.20
1859, 1/2g	6.00	7.00
1859, 1g both colors	3.75	4.50
1859, 1g olive green *	3.00	3.50
1859, 1g *	3.00	3.25
1859, 1g	1.75	2.15
1859, 1g and 2g	2.35	2.00
1859, 2g * o. g.	1.50	1.70
1859, 2g fine * o. g.	1.50	1.60
1859, 2g * o. g.	1.50	1.40
1859, 2g five shades	3.00	3.60
5g vermilion, thin * o. g.	4.00	2.00
5g vermilion, * o. g.	4.00	6.25
5g light shade *	4.00	7.50
5g fine	4.00	7.50
5g rose, * o. g.	5.00	6.60
5g rose, thin	4.00	3.25
10g * o. g.	4.00	5.50
10g thin * o. g.	4.00	3.10
10g deep shade *	4.00	5.20
10g *	4.00	5.20
20g thin	3.00	3.50
20g fine	6.00	7.75
20g *	6.00	3.80
50g *	4.50	4.25
50g * o. g.	6.50	8.20
50g * o. g.	6.50	8.75
50g * o. g.	6.50	9.25
Uruguay, 1857, 120c greenish blue	40.00	21.00
240c very fine * o. g.	5.00	4.60
1860, 100c pair	5.00	7.75
1864, 10c ochre, 12c *	5.00	4.10
Wurtemberg, 1869-73, 70kr	22.50	23.00
1869-73, 70kr	22.50	18.50
United States, August 1861, 3c brown red * o. g.	50.00	36.00
1867, embossed 9x13, 1c blue * o. g. block of 4	20.00	18.00
1869, 15c brown and blue, * o. g. original without grill	50.00	36.00
1869, 90c used	15.00	9.50
Reissue of 1875, 90c black and carmine, * o. g.	35.00	17.00
1870, 6c carmine, vertical pair * o. g.	30.00	17.00
1873, 15c yellow orange * o. g.	17.50	22.00
1873, 90c rose carmine * o. g.	7.50	7.50
1888, 90c pane of 100	400.00	155.00
1882, 6c brown red block 2x7	28.00	16.00
1890, 90c block 5x5	50.00	25.00
State, \$5 * o. g.	165.00	120.00
State, \$10.00 * o. g.	75.00	50.00
State, \$20.00 * o. g.	50.00	40.00
Imperforate revenues, \$15 Mortgage,	25.00	11.50
Perforated revenues, sixth issue, 1c black and green, violet paper	25.00	28.00
Buenos Ayres, 1858, 1 peso *	25.00	15.00
1858, 5 peso *	250.00	280.00
Azores, 1895 St. Anthony Set complete	31.00	21.00
Barbados, 1878 unsevered pair of No. 57 & No. 59	85.00	72.50
1878, 1d on 5sh	40.00	26.00
1878, 1d on 5sh	40.00	22.00
1878, 1d on right half of 5sh	45.00	37.00
Bavaria, 1849, 1kr	7.50	14.50
Brazil, 1843, 90r	10.00	10.10
Bremen, 1855-60, 7gr	12.50	10.50

PUZZLE OF THE POSTAGE STAMP.

There has been the puzzle of the postage stamp. The letter came on Monday morning. It was written on Saturday, and bore a United States postage stamp—passed by the official censors. There were arguments and explanations behind the Window as to how Mr. Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, could delude the post office with his stamp. The young lady at the desk round the corner was consulted, without result. She merely said, "Ask G. P. O."

This, of course, bucked us up. We had to know whether it was an aeroplane or thought transference that had brought the welcome letter with an American stamp. Quite simple was the explanation, after all the guesses and bets had been settled. It was just an American who had remembered the three-mile limit. After leaving Southampton, Mr. Stefansson slammed an American stamp on his note, and sent it by the pilot. The sea air made the postmark, "Sea Service," illegible.—London *Daily Chronicle*.

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1 dollar, 2 dollars and 5 dollars	5.00
China (Republic) 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 16, 20, 60 cents	1.00
1 dollar, 2 dollars and 5 dollars	5.00
Greece, Surcharged Greek Occupation 1 lepton green, glaze paper, black surch.	.02
1 " ord.	.10
2 lepta carmine, ord.	.03
3 " vermilion, ord.	.05
5 " green, ord.	.08
5 " glaze	.20
10 " rose, ord.	.08
20 " gray lilac, ord.	.10
20 " red lilac, 1901 issue,	.25
25 " ultramarine, glaze paper, red surch.	.15
30 " carmine rose, ord.	.20
40 " deep blue, ord.	.25
50 " " " " " black	.50
60 " " " " " red	.25
1 drachme ultramarine, black	.50
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The fact that philately as a profession has openings for the gentler sex, is exemplified by the advertisement of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. this week. This firm wants a young woman with a knowledge of stamp collecting to make up fine books in its approval department and we suspect that the manager would take more than one if he could get them. Mr. Putney writes:

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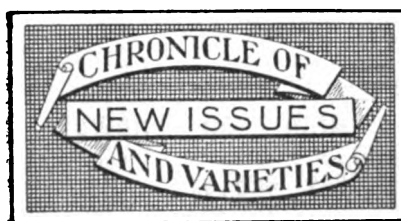
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding pre-cancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDRIDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge lists the following new precancels:

Philadelphia, Pa.—Two lines (Philadelphia—Pa) horizontal inscription between lines, two above and below, 1 mm. apart ½ mm. thick, inside lines 15 mm. apart, inscription in same type as type described in No. 1166. \$1. 1908-09, double strike; 50c, 1908-09, no lower lines.

Philadelphia, Pa.—(No. 1166.) 50c, 1908-09.

Chicago, Ill.—(No. 1153.) 3c, 1913, Parcel Post, Inv. Reported by Ferdinand Gottlieb.

Chicago, Ill.—(No. 1153.) 1c, 1913, Parcel Post, first L missing; 25c, 1913, Parcel Post, double strike. Reported by Empire Stamp Co.

Minneapolis, Minn.—(No. 1171.) 10c, 1913, Parcel Post.

AUSTRALIA.—W. H. Peckitt sends us the 9d, 2sh, 5sh and 10sh values, all recently chronicled.

AUSTRIA.—We have been shown the 2sh on unsurfaced paper and in ultramarine ink, by W. H. Peckitt.

BARBADOS.—*Even's Weekly* is informed that the 6d value of the King George set has appeared in a much deeper shade than the original printing.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—We are indebted to W. H. Peckitt and Whitfield King & Co. for copies of the ½d, 1d, and 3d King George stamps recently chronicled.

CHINA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 2c with the Waterlow "Republic" overprint.

DUTCH INDIES.—From the *Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* we learn that the colors have not been changed for the 1g and 2½g on colored paper, announced in No. 1171.

Adhesives.

1g violet on blue.
2½g slate gray on blue.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA PROTECTORATE.—We have received the 5r King George stamp from W. H. Peckitt, the

design being the same as the previous issue though the colors are changed.

Adhesive.

5r lilac and blue.

GREECE.—Maury's *Collectionneur* says that the Postage Due stamps of 1902 having become exhausted through the surcharging done for war purposes, a new series is to be created of the same type, but lithographed, and probably in new colors.

HONG KONG.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 30c and 50c values of the new King George stamps, both being in the old design, with the Swastika in the lower corners. The 30c has the value in colorless letters, the reverse being true of the 50c.

Adhesives.

30c orange and violet.
50c black on green.

INDIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 2a King George stamp surcharged "Service".

Official Adhesive.

2a violet.

MONTENEGRO.—We have received from W. H. Peckitt the new set of stamps as chronicled in No. 1167.

NICARAGUA.—Referring to the item in No. 1169, Dr. Roy F. Desart states that the "Dpto. Zelaya" from the overprint on the 25c revenue there chronicled.

RUSSIA.—*Offices in the Levant.*—W. H. Peckitt sends us three of the higher values of the Romanoff set surcharged for use in the Offices in the Levant. These are the 10pi on 1r, 20pi on 2r and 30 pi on 3r.

ST. VINCENT.—W. H. Peckitt sends us the 4d King George stamp chronicled some time since.

SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE.—We are indebted to W. H. Peckitt for a copy of the 1r value in the King George set. The design is substantially the same as the King Edward high values though there are minor differences, being more like the East Africa and Uganda stamps.

Adhesive.

1r green.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—Whitfield King & Co. sends us the ½d King George stamp.

Adhesive.

½ dark green.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—W. H. Peckitt and Whitfield King have shown us the 4c lilac stamp, with portrait of King George chronicled some time since, and Whitfield King & Co have shown us the 1c of the same issue.

Adhesive.

1c green.

TURKEY.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the latest postal cards of this country. The stamp is the same as the adhesives noted in No. 1163 and the cards make a very good appearance.

Post Cards.

10pa green on buff.
20pa red on buff.

URUGUAY.—A. W. Dunning has shown us the 2c and 4c stamps of the lithographed set, with the overprint, "Centenario de las Instrucciones del Año XIII," as recently noted.

PASSING OF THE NESBITT FIRM.

TO LET—A faded yellow building with oblongs of dust outlining its bricks, wooden letters that show but too plainly their threescore years, and the memories of a famous past, are all that remain of the house of George F. Nesbitt & Co. With its passing there was taken from the business life of New York the city's oldest printing establishment. The house of Nesbitt was founded in 1795, and through the long career that was brought to a close in the fall of 1912 are woven many threads of the country's commercial history.

It was in this old building that the first stamped envelopes were printed. It was here that one of the earliest city telephones was installed, and its presses were among the first in the world to be driven by electric motors. Now the firm has retired from business and its machinery and good-will have been sold. In the building at Pearl and Pine Streets, where the faded signs still hang from the walls, in 1862 a contract was entered into with the Government for the printing of all its stamped envelopes; and that work was done by this house until Uncle Sam established his own mammoth printing plant in the Bureau of engraving at Washington. Among the treasured relics possessed by those who are closing up the affairs is the contract which went into effect on April 1, 1862.

Another relic is a steel die from which the first Envelope was printed; and the sign, now weather-beaten and gray, that announced this as the manufactory of Government envelopes is still in its old place.—*Edison Monthly*.

KALAMAZOO TO ORGANIZE.

Efforts will be made in the near future to organize a Kalamazoo (Mich.) branch of the American Philatelic society. Dr. Arthur Bruce, dentist, will in the next few days feel out the sentiment of Kalamazoo stamp collectors regarding the establishment of an A. P. S. local. It takes five members of the national association to form a branch society.

Besides Dr. Bruce, Judge George P. Hopkins and Frank Barnes are members of the national association. It is understood that if a local is formed, Bates Clark and Clinton L. Chalfant, two former members of the A. P. S. will probably apply for reinstatement.

Three other active collectors whom Dr. Bruce believes will favor a branch are Charles Garrett, Win Jerow and Dr. D. J. Berstein. If sentiment develops in favor of a branch society, a meeting will be called in the near future for that purpose.—*Kalamazoo Gazette*.

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	Same, line between.....	.35
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	4c yellow brown, block 4.....	.35
	Same, line between.....	.45
	5c, imprint and plate No. (6).....	.75
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THE MATTER OF COLOR.

By C. P. M. RUMFORD.

The article on "Catalogues and Colors" in a recent issue of your paper opens up a subject, on which for some years I have been tempted to "let out."

Just how any word or sentence in the English language, or any other language, for that matter, can describe a color, is beyond the understanding of any thinking individual. The sense of color (and color is a sense, distinct from the broader sense of sight), like taste and sound, is elusive and fleeting; not one of these three senses admits of description in words. We may tell in a general way what each sensation means to us, but we require a diagram or an actual rendition of the sound, odor, or a presentation of elementary colors in combination in order to come to some definite understanding as to what is meant when we attempt to describe such sensations. Furthermore, if the person to whom this description be given, is in possession of defective ears, nose or eyes, it is an utter impossibility for him to receive the sensation which is intended for him to receive.

So much for obvious generalities; now to the point which is of particular interest to the stamp collector. I trust that I have made it clear that colors must be established by comparison, and not by verbal description. The terminology employed by the compiler of a catalogue, who holds in his hand certain stamps of a certain shade of a certain color, may be one thing; but collectors who read this verbal description, and have no means of comparing their own particular specimens with those of the compiler, cannot by any reason, psychological, physical, anatomical, geographical or otherwise, get a distinct and lucid idea of what is meant. Blue means nothing to our host of collectors, even in a country where our stamps are

printed in colors which are comparatively uniform; but blue when modified by a number of adjectives, varied and indefinite in themselves, means less because it simply adds to the confusion.

Some years ago there was published by Prang, a color chart which to my mind at least approaches the solution of the problem, in that it is a diagram in permanent colors, clearly numbered and arranged for every gradation of the colors of the spectrum.

A chart of this nature expanded to take in all combinations of colors and shades would be a convenience to collectors. One collector would be able to order by chart number any stamp printed.

This work would be monumental; who will start it?

TEXT OF NICARAGUA DECREE.

Translated by C. A. HOWES.

We have received from the Toledo Stamp Co. a copy of the official decree responsible for the "cordobas." It will be of interest for future reference:—

"The President of the Republic considering that there is but one monetary system for the Republic and that on the whole there is no reason for distinction between the stamps used, in the interior of the country and on the Atlantic Coast, while awaiting the new issue of postal values in the money at present in circulation, has found it necessary to transform into this currency the postal stamps of the issue in use up to this time, in the exercise of his powers:

Announces:

(1) The postal labels which are at present used in the country for franking correspondence and which bear the statue of the Republic, a locomotive, or the arms of Central America, once brought into conformity with the new monetary plan, will be used without distinction all over the country.

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The surcharge will have printed in black the word "Vale" and beneath, in numerals, the value that said stamps are to bear in accordance with this law, and also "1913." The post cards also will be surcharged, those bearing the statue as well as the locomotive, thus: those of 4c, single, with "Vale 1 centavo de cordoba," and in the same way each part of the double cards of 4c. The single 10c cards and each half of the double ones of the same value with "Vale 0.02 de cordoba."

The 10c stamped envelopes will be surcharged "Vale 0 02 de cordoba" and the 35c with "Vale 0.05 de cordoba." The official stamps will be surcharged in the quantities and with the values indicated by the General Postal Administration, which is charged meanwhile with complying with the requirements of the U. P. U.

(3) Persons who possess postal values of the preceding issue, which does not remain valid after this date, can exchange them for new ones in the respective revenue offices within four months from date, which is when this announcement becomes effective."

MANAGUA, April 24, 1913.

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THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.
Bavaria.

THE FOURTEENTH ISSUE.

On March 12th, 1911, Prince Leopold Regent of the kingdom of Bavaria, celebrated his ninetieth birthday, and the event was marked by the issue of a new series of stamps bearing his portrait. The change was something in the nature of a revolution considering the Arms type had been in use for a period of no less than forty-four years. The Prince was born at Würzburg on March 12th, 1821, and his life and career were bound up with the historic episodes of modern Europe. Professionally Prince Leopold was a soldier but when his nephew, King Otto, succeeded to the throne in 1886 he was appointed Regent owing to the mental deficiency of the ruler. Prince Leopold was regarded with the greatest affection by the people and his birthday was observed throughout Bavaria with the heartiest enthusiasm. The special stamps issued to mark the event show two designs. That for the pfennig denominations shows a profile bareheaded portrait, looking to left, on a solid rectangular background. In the upper left corner of this rectangular figures of value are shown and in the top right angle are the letters "Pf". Above, on a narrow tablet of color, is the date "12 MARZ 1911", and at the base is the name "BAYERN" in colored capitals. The stamps vary in size, the lower values being smaller than those of a higher facial value. The mark stamps are of extra large size and show a portrait of the aged Regent looking to right. In this instance he is shown wearing a hat. On each side of the portrait are ornate columns, resting on corner rectangles of solid color, that on the left bearing the numeral of value, and the one on the right a letter "M". In the centre, at the top, is the date "1911". The portraits are strongly drawn and are the work of the celebrated German artist, Prof. Fritz von Kaulbachs. The stamps are printed by a process of photo-lithography. They were on sale some few weeks before the actual birthday celebration and after the 31st March all previous issues were demonetised.

The stamps were printed on the paper watermarked with close zig-zag lines which has been in use since 1881. On the values from 3pf to 25pf inclusive, the lines are horizontal while on all others they are vertical. In what size sheets these stamps were printed we do not know (possibly 100 for the pfennig and 50 for the mark values) but it seems probable that a new perforating machine was brought into use. As we have already shown the 14½ and 11½ machines used from 1888 and 1881 respectively were of the harrow kind and could, therefore, only be used for stamps and sheets of the size for which they were constructed. The values from 3 to 25pf are of the same size as the lower values of the preceding issue and it is evident the 14½ harrow machine was used for these; the 30pf to 80pf stamps are of the same size as the mark stamps of the Arms design and doubtless the old 11½ harrow machine was utilised for these; but the mark stamps were too large for either of the existing perforating machines and a new one, possibly a single line machine was used. We are not quite positive on the point as we have only single stamps to refer to but a single-line machine was certainly used for the next issue in which the stamps are of the same large size.

A 60pf value in the same design as the others was added to the series in October, 1911, Bavaria, in accordance with its usual policy following Germany's lead in the issue of new values. The 5pf and 10pf values are known in tête-bêche pairs these being from sheets printed for binding in book form. The same values may also be found with advertisements attached, these also being

from sheets intended for binding into stamp booklets. Most of the values exist in several pronounced shades.

Prince Leopold died in the closing weeks of 1912 and was succeeded as Regent by his son, Prince Ludwig. So far this change has had no effect on Bavaria's postal issues though it is rumoured that a new series is in preparation.



Reference List.

1911. Wmk. horizontal zig-zag lines. Perf. 14½.
- 77. 3pf brown on drab, Scott's No. 77.
 - 78. 5pf green on green, Scott's No. 78.
 - 79. 10pf carmine on buff, Scott's No. 79.
 - 80. 20pf blue on blue, Scott's No. 80.
 - 81. 25pf chocolate on buff, Scott's No. 81.
- Wmk. vertical zig-zag lines. Perf. 11½.
- 82. 30pf orange on buff, Scott's No. 82.
 - 83. 40pf olive on buff, Scott's No. 83.
 - 84. 50pf maroon on drab, Scott's No. 84.
 - 85. 60pf deep green on buff.
 - 86. 80pf violet on drab, Scott's No. 85.
 - 87. 1m brown on drab, Scott's No. 86.
 - 88. 2m green on green, Scott's No. 87.
 - 89. 3m crimson on buff, Scott's No. 88.
 - 90. 5m deep blue on buff, Scott's No. 89.
 - 91. 10m orange on yellow, Scott's No. 90.
 - 92. 20m chocolate on yellow, Scott's No. 91.

THE FIFTEENTH ISSUE.

In June, 1911, two stamps were issued for use in the kingdom of Bavaria commemorative of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Regency of Prince Leopold. The portrait is somewhat similar to that of the pfennig values of the birthday set this being enclosed by a large wreath held on each side by cupids. The dates "1886-1911" are shown on the wreath and in the lower angles are the figures "5" or "10" to denote the value. The name "BAYERN" is shown on a straight tablet between the figures. Each value is printed in three colors and they are somewhat extraordinary productions. The background is black, the ribbons binding the wreath are yellow, and the rest of the design is green for the 5pf and red for the 10pf. They have a crude cheap-looking appearance that is all the more marked on comparison with the delicate workmanship characterising the contemporary birthday series.

The stamps are said to have been in use only a limited time. They were printed on unwatermarked paper and perf. 11½. These two labels conclude Bavaria's philatelic history to date.



Reference List.

- June, 1911. No. wmk. Perf. 11½.
- 93. 5pf green, yellow and black, Scott's No. 92.
 - 94. 10pf carmine, yellow and black, Scott's No. 93.

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June is here and if the season continues so briskly we shall not have time to attend the graduation exercises.

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And then one year a high school cadet read a theme, "Private Posts" at our suggestion and Prexy said that the discourse "marked a distinct departure in academic action."

Still, there are worse fates that might befall one and speaking covocationally, we leave it to the intelligent audience whether its members would not prefer to hear of an interesting postal phase of American history than remarks to the effect that beyond the Alps lies Italy.

To the scores of inquiries as to the absence of De Booz and his cronies, we can say only that they have disappeared leaving no trace as to their whereabouts. Chas. E. Jenny, Fresno, California, says: "Count Lapp De Booz died in Montezuma, Mexico, two days ago. Attending surgeon pronounced the disease an entirely new one of aggravated character and intends to name it after the Count, *Lapsus Vera*."

Be that as it may, Joseph Beifeld says under date of June 6th, that he wishes merely to report that "the second run of requests was considerably over one thousand and that the letters are coming at the rate of from twelve to fifteen a day." Yes, and returns from the back woods sections are not all in yet.

Anyway, Frank E. Goodwin is speeding south as fast as a river steamer will take him but let not the critics think that his departure just as the second volume of his U. S. series appears is anything more than coincidental.

Because we have just seen the 3c. Panama, surcharged Canal Zone on grey paper and the new Nicaraguans surcharged centavos de cordofa; change in currency—gold basis—we are told.

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U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPES, 1853-1913.

By LOUIS G. BARRETT.

The subject of U. S. Stamped Envelopes is a familiar one to a large body of collectors; but there are many, perhaps beginners, who have been attracted by the various issues but have felt that it was a serious undertaking to form a collection of them.

The large total which has been issued by our government, when varieties of die, paper and watermark are taken into consideration by the collector of entireties, has probably kept many from starting a collection of these interesting issues.

It is hoped these condensed descriptions will assist in clearing up some of the dark places, and create a better general knowledge and appreciation of these issues which are the delight, and also the despair of the specialist.

A few of the terms commonly used in connection with entire stamped envelopes, are here given for the benefit of those unfamiliar with them:—

The word *Size* as applied to envelopes denotes the shape by which it is officially known and sold at the post-offices; on the schedule of the P. O. Department, these sizes are numbered from 1 to 14 inclusive. No. 1 is the smallest envelope issued, measuring only 2 1/2 by 5 1/4 inches, while No. 9 is the largest, measuring 4 3/4 by 10 3/4 inches. No. 5 (3 1/2 x 5-16 inches) is the commonest size used, followed closely by No. 13 (3 3/4 x 6 3/4 in.) and No. 3 (3 3/4 by 5 1/2 inches). Nos. 10 and 11 are of a nearly square shape, the former measuring 3 9-16 x 4 1/2 inches and the latter 4 1/4 by 5 1/4 inches. Nos. 7, 8 and 9 are the large, long sizes known as "Official" sizes. No. 6 is identical in dimensions with No. 5 but only comes ungummed on second quality white paper and Manila paper, both in 1 cent value. No. 12 refers to the wrappers.

In regard to *Paper*, the white and amber are first quality, costing a few cents more per 1000 than the blue and buff papers which are designated as second quality. All "sizes" do not come on both qualities of paper, so that it is useless to hunt for Sizes 1, 10 and 11, on anything but white paper for in-

stance, or for Sizes 4, 8 and 9, on second quality papers.

The 1 cent value appears in Sizes 2 (W and A), Size 3 (W and A), Size 5 (W and A), Size 6 (W and MAN), size 8 (W and A), Size 11 (W only), Size 12 (wrapper), Size 13 (W, A, BL and BU).

The 2 cent comes in all sizes of the schedule except No. 6, but only appears on all four colors on Sizes 2, 3, 5, 7, 13 and 14.

The 4 cent value is found only on the three large sizes, Nos. 7, 8 and 9, and only on first quality papers, namely white and amber in each of these sizes. In former issues there was a 4 cent wrapper, but none is issued in the present series.

The 5 cent value appears only on two sizes, Nos. 3 and 5, on white and amber papers only.

There are three different kinds of stamped envelopes issued by the government, known as "Special Request," "Office Request" and "Plain." "Special Request" envelopes are issued to individuals or firms ordering 500 or more at a time, and bear the "return-card" in the upper left corner, containing a request to return to sender after a given number of days, printed by the department. "Office Request" envelopes are issued in the same manner, but bear a line or lines left blank, above the name of the postoffice selling them. These may be purchased in any number from a single copy upwards, at any post-office. "Plain" envelopes as their name indicates bear no printing whatever. The return-request is usually printed at the same time that the die is impressed but it will be noticed that in recent issues, the request has often been printed after the envelope was folded and gummed, shown by the type striking through to the back of the envelope. This was occasioned by the fact that the new contractors were swamped with orders for special request lots and could not print them fast enough in the regular way, but had to draw on their reserve stock of made up "plain" envelopes.

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" 8c brown* superb Jub.	1.00	.49
Dominican Rep. 1899, 1p gray* (rare)	2.50	1.22
" 2p brown*	4.50	2.20
Tonga 1895, 2 1/2p rose*	.35	.15
" " 7 1/2p yellow*	.60	.23
" " 7 1/2p 2 1/2p*	1.25	.60
Macau 1a, No. 142	.35	.35
" 2a, No. 143	.40	.40
Macau 1 on 5a, No. 158*	.60	.60
" 2 on 4a, No. 159*	.20	.20
Macau 5 on 10a No. 160*	.35	.35
San Marino 1892, 30c yellow*	.25	.11
" 21 brown & yel.*	1.75	.85
Zanzibar 3a orange*	1.50	.45
" 4a green*	1.25	.58
Dominican Rep. 1899, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c, 1, 2p* fine set*	9.17	4.45
Montenegro 1907, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 50p, 1, 2, 5k	2.17	.95
Trinidad 1885, Dues 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8c, 1sh*, fine set	12.00	5.50
Zululand 1888, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4p* fine mint set	3.25	1.55
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Rio de Oro 1907, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c* a rare set	7.50	3.90
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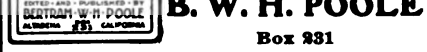
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THE APOTHEOSIS OF JIMMY O'.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

It was the early morning of an Arizona spring day, which is different from a day in spring elsewhere in the world. The air pulsed with heat. There was not a breath to raise even a grain of sand. Frevor Moore and I sat in the shadow of my tent-house at Willow, watching the trail which led across the divide to Lazy Bar ranch.

"In an hour or so you'll see a whirlwind up there, from which eventually will emerge Jimmy O', hitting the high spots in his burning haste to get to Phoenix," said Moore. "He will not be back until two months' pay—\$90—has been duly added to the assets of the local bars, and the joys of poker have eaten up what he calls his hard-saved earnings. It's his last chance, for election is coming, and the county may go dry."

We watched the trail. It was as Moore predicted.

Jimmy O'—short for O'Callaghan—was Irish in name and in wit. The rest was pure American.

The horse was very tired, after the long ride, but Jimmy O', the lust of strife in his bearing, was chipper as usual with that somewhat cynical cowpuncher.

"I'll just hang my gun and scabbard here till I get back," began Jimmy, "and the cayuse I'll anchor till he rests a bit."

"Better leave him here till you come back," I suggested. "The train goes in a couple hours."

"Yes, Jimmy O', and it will get you there at least an hour before you can ride it," said Moore.

Jimmy looked dubiously at us.

"You'll get action that much sooner," cynically added Moore.

A slow grin spread over Jimmy's face.

"I need it, for I'm sure full o' the milk o' human kindness this lovely hot day," declared Jimmy, as he perilously slanted a chair against the side of the tent-house, sagged into it, and began his monologue as he rolled the inevitable cigarette.

"I knew a boy once who had a fine collection of tobacco tags—complete, too. He used to keep 'em on an album, made of boards, detachable—sort of a walking lumber-yard. When he stopped collecting he built a house o' the boards, I'm told, and gave the tags to a can factory."

Jimmy rolled another cigarette and then added, as afterthought: "Wrote a mon-e-graph on the collection, too. It won the prize, offered by the Tin Tag Association of the United States of America, Limited."

Jimmy grinned appreciatively at his humor. Moore and I were silent. Jimmy smoked in the calm of unruffled serenity.

The train bore Jimmy away duly. For three days Moore and I milled around town, now and then dragging out my old albums and swapping stories about "finds" we had experienced or read of. The morning of the fourth day we sat in front of the tent-house.

"It's a curious thing the way stamp collectors scent one another," declared Moore. "Reminds me of Willy Vauxhall, back East. Willy was a nice cheerful boy who, besides being an ardent collector of stamps, chiefly Confederate, had the reputation of making love to about a dozen girls at a time. 'Willy', his former school-teacher confided to me, 'Willy can scent a skirt farther than any boy I ever taught, and I've twenty years' experience.'"

"Which one will he marry?" I asked, interestedly.

"The school-teacher gave me a pitying look."

"He hasn't met her yet," she said. "When he does you'll get the announcement cards post-haste."

"And I did. Willy collected her inside six months."

"You see, old man," Willy explained after the honeymoon. "Betty had a fine collection of Confederate States. That's what brought us together. Of course—and then Willy drooled off into those rhapsodies we all know about."

Moore laughed joyously at the recollection.

"And now," he added, impressively, "there's a promising lot of young stamp collectors in the Vauxhall family."

The train arrived and departed. We watched it expectantly.

"Most time for Jimmy O' to get back, don't you think?" I ventured.

"Today," Moore answered.

The afternoon was excessively warm. We lay down for the usual siesta. A slow step awakened us both, and as we sat up, who should loom before us but Jimmy O'—sad of face and sore of feet.

Moore looked him over coldly.

"Nice walk you had?"

Jimmy nodded. Then he hit the olla frequently for ten minutes before his mood melted.

"When I left here four days ago," began Jimmy, impressively, "I had it all framed up for the usual time—a farewell, maybe. But I met an old cowpuncher from across the Gila—Johnny Williams, of Swastika K. Johnny and I were in Ad's place. Johnny had spent most all his money and he was sure some joyful at meeting up with an old friend who needed aid in relaxing a straining purse. While we were telling each other all our joys, in come a youngish chap—lunger, I thought—with a big book under his arm, all wrapped up. He talked with the bar-tender for awhile. Nothing doing in the literary line."

"Come on over an' have one with us," says Johnny, thinking the chap was thirsty. He came over to the table, set the book down with his hat on top, and said:

"Thank you. I won't drink. But—say—I'm sure lonesome and homesick and I want to know if either of you gentlemen has ever been in Michigan?"

Johnny grabbed his hand. "The Lord love ye, lad! I was raised there—born an' raised there—Ann Arbor."

"The lad was from a burg he called Lodi, near that town. And then they talked an' talked—names an' things that didn't mean anything to me."

"An' here we are," says Johnny, "fifteen hundred miles from it all!"

"With that the boy just lay his head down on the table. We felt it shake. Johnny looked at me, his face full o' grief an' pain. I passed him my belt—\$87 left o' the \$90 I set out with."

"From the old folks at home," says Johnny joyous-like, as he hung it around the lad's neck. Then we all drank ginger ale on the house. Me, too," and Jimmy O' sighed.

"Come to find out, the lad was dyin' of homesickness, not lungs. And say! He couldn't get to the train soon enough! Didn't even stop to rope his trunk!"

"It's a loan, Johnny—a loan, and it's saved my life!" He kept sayin' it over an' over—"saved my life—saved my life."

"Just before he got on the train he poked the book in Johnny's hands. 'Keep it—from me—it's all I got!' He couldn't say any more. Neither could we. Then he went into the car, and Johnny and I went back to the place whence all but him had fled."

"Here! You keep it—it's yours," says Johnny, and he made me take the

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package. Then I walked back—fer discipline—fer discipline."

Jimmy O' passed the book to Moore, went over to an empty hammock, stretched out, and promptly fell asleep. Moore unloosed the cord, disclosing a cloth-bound International. There was little in it besides old Germans. Then, like "stout Cortez" of the poem, but Balboa in fact, we

"Look'd at each other with a wild surmise—

Silent, upon a peak in Darien."

The German States were not complete, but there was richness. Baden No. 1 was unused—a fine stamp, well-centered, and with large margins. The rest were used. Bavaria was complete, while Oldenburg claimed Nos. 4, 5, and 11, with others less rare. Thurn-Taxis, North German Postal District, and the Empire made fine showings—in fact, it was a notable lot of nice things.

Jimmy O' awoke just before sundown. "Next week," he began the monologue impressively, "is the election. Jimmy O' goes dry. He puts his money in other things. Stamps, fer instance."

Then he turned to me, with his usual slow grin.

"An' while we're waitin' to gub up, you might lend me a copy o' MEKEEL'S to read. I sure do need lit'ry trainin'."

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EDITORIAL.

Still in Its Stride—The season is still on and even the conservative soul is rejoicing in the knowledge that the year will be one of wonders in a philatelic sense. We hear stories of sustained interest on the part of collectors who ordinarily relax their collecting efforts at this time of year; and from the dealers come tidings of business activity that open the eyes of those who have anticipated the annual lull. We repeat that while each year philately receives a stimulus that carries it a bit further into the dull season, the coming convention of the American Philatelic Society at Put-in-Bay and the great international stamp exhibition at New York must be credited this year with the acceleration of the philatelic pulse beyond the count that it has normally at this time.

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Parcel Post Phases—The present postal administration is carrying forth the work of perfecting the parcel post system that the former one so ably created. The post still is receiving the close attention of the public and as its functions become the more familiar, the post is more firmly accepted by popular opinion as an economic factor. Business men in meeting and convention discuss the post and detail its advantages as well as any objections that may be encountered by them in the workings of the system. The charges against its practicability are greatly overshadowed by its admitted benefits but it has been noticed that on different occasions merchants and others have spoken of the inconvenience of having the special stamps. Large users of parcel post stamps receive many remittances for goods in ordinary stamps; and *vice versa*. Whether the department will be influenced by these complaints may be doubtful but collectors at least will make a mental note of the situation.

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Postal Documents—We have been aware that there are a few collectors

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who for some years have interested themselves in publications that in no way are philatelic but which are devoted to the consideration of postal questions and problems. While these books, pamphlets and leaflets are technical and not philatelic, as has been said, yet there is much of value in them as commentary reading for the philatelist. The fact that there is a rather large number of these publications is somewhat surprising to anyone who has not come in contact with works of this character. The satisfaction of adding to a collection of the kind is peculiarly pleasant as it is only through unusual or accidental channels that the publications are to be had. One must rummage through many out-of-the-way places and follow clues that often are very vague in the hunt for treasure trove of the kind.

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Hit or Miss—It is a subject of some concern that there is no fountain head where information about these postal documents may be secured. The hope that a collection of the publications under notice has been preserved somewhere, thereby making the task of an investigator an easy one is so extravagant that it must be dismissed as too tantalizing for discussion. It seems as if it is left to collectors to gather these scattered messengers of information as best they can; but they may know that by following all leads closely and persistently, the quest will sometimes end successfully. Of course, there are only a few collectors, speaking comparatively, who are appealed to irresistibly by these books and pamphlets; and it is well perhaps that the philatelist with the required cast of mind is the exception, as any pronounced demand for publications of the kind would soon clean out the supply.

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Poor Pickings—At Washington, there is little to find that will help the investigator into the realms of postal pamphleteering. We have been told that the earliest postal document in the possession of the department is dated about 1810, as we remember; and up to the time of John Wanamaker's administration or 1890, little effort was made by the postoffice department to collect the postal records of the past. In his report for the year ending June 30th, 1889, Mr. Wanamaker said that the department wished to establish in Washington, "a Government Museum that shall, as far as possible, represent the progress of the postal system of the United States from its beginning, and at the same time shall contain everything that may be offered or can be collected in connection with the work of the service that is either of special interest or general historic value." Under the date of March 27th, 1890, Mr. Wanamaker sent a circular to postmasters and others, inviting contributions to the postal museum at Washington and among the objects specified in the circular as being desired particularly, were: "Copies of old editions of the postal laws and regulations, or other postal documents, books or essays on the postal service; old accounts in book form or in sheets; old letters, circulars, blanks, maps, commissions, old newspapers and advertisements relating to postal business, or other papers of a postal character, either in print or in writing." Needless to say, specimens of the local stamps and of envelopes with "paid" stamp of postmaster, "used to prepay postage before the national issue of postage stamps began in 1847" were objects of especial solicitude. Just how effective the circular proved, we cannot say but it is reasonable to believe that it met with some response. The Con-

gressional Library has some of the books and pamphlets of the description given but the representation is not a commensurate one. The department of documents can give little assistance, even though its intentions are very good.

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Wanted—Books, pamphlets, leaflets and announcements pertaining to the postal service in all its ramifications are what are wanted by our collector and the publications may be dated before or after the introduction of postage stamps. There are a few books on the postoffice department and associated interests but the pamphlets by no means were few and far between. Many of the pamphlets were political in their nature and soon sank beneath the surface. There was a time when the postoffice department was a succulent bone of contention among the politicians; and many a blast and counter-blast were sounded in print and as a rule these pamphlets did not rise to the dignity of an entry into the Library at Congress. Other pamphlets were earnest advocates of reforms or of proposed plans for improved service or other constructive work. Let an example be cited of the "uplifting" pamphlet in "Postal Reform: Its Urgent Necessity and Practicability," by Pliny Miles, 1855. From "To The Reader," we quote: " * * * The work is eminently practical, shows the imperfections and abuses of our mail system with an unsparring hand, and points out the remedies to be employed * * * The citizens of our large cities suffer the greatest inconvenience from our irregular and imperfect postal arrangements; and the evils pointed out and the suggestions made, apply with peculiar force to New York City." This pamphlet of over one hundred pages was sold for twenty-five cents a copy but at reduced figures in quantities; and it is replete with information the perusal of which would help create the proper "atmosphere" for the remarks of a stamp historian in dealing with the issues of this time.

OUR REVIEW.

Number Two of Linn's Philatelic Handbooks, "The 1847 Issue of United States Stamps," by Frank E. Goodwin has reached us and is regarded admirably. While the first handbook with its details of the manufacture of our stamps enjoyed a field almost unworked, the present volume cannot claim that distinction. With characteristic directness, Mr. Goodwin tells his story and while he handles the accepted doctrine rather roughly at times, he has the courage of his convictions. One cannot write anything really new about the 1847 issue but Mr. Goodwin brings together the accepted information and throws in some ideas that are somewhat revolutionary, but nevertheless tenable in Mr. Goodwin's opinion. No traditions are sacred to Mr. Goodwin and we wish him success in his undertaking to give the old and the new in a plain and positive way. We must not forget to say that the "shift" and the differences between the originals and the 1875 imitations are illustrated. The little book is well-dressed typographically and is a good thing to buy.

Our knowledge of Italian is negligible but we can say that "Note sui Francobolli del Governo Provvisorio de Parma," by that great and good Italian philatelist, Emilio Diena, is an authoritative treatise on the Parma provisionals. Three full page illustrations of the stamps are a graphic testimonial of the thoroughness with which Dr. Diena has studied the stamps. The book of

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AEROPLANE CANCELLATIONS.

By ARTHUR T. BROWNE, B. P. S., 543.

Santa Rosa, Cal.

California still continues to bring
forth aeroplane cancellations. Evi-
dently the bird-men are quite busy in
that state. Through the kindness of
Edmund A. Ricksecker of San Fran-
cisco, I have secured a copy of another
aeroplane cancellation and considerable
information regarding the aero mail
service. The meet was held at the old
race track in Santa Rosa, the county
seat of Sonoma County, 51 miles north
of San Francisco. The meet was to
have been held Saturday, May 17, but
it poured rain and accordingly the meet
was held on the next day, Sunday, May
18. Thad Kerns, an eighteen year old
aviator, was the aerial mail carrier.
Kerns carried mail from the grounds
to a spot near the main postoffice, a
distance of about three miles. A wait-
ing automobile picked up the sack. Mr.
Ricksecker writes me that the aero mail
service was poorly patronized, compar-
atively little mail being received for
transmission. Kerns made but one
trip. A second sack of mail was
stamped but not carried by the aviator.
The aeroplane cancellation consisted of
a double circular postmark in purple
ink. At the top were the words "Aero-
plane Mail Service." In the center was
the following arrangement:

Santa Rosa, Cal.

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At the bottom were the words "Avia-
tion Field Sub-Station."

Corpus Christi, Texas.

Leslie A. Boone, of Corpus Christi,
Tex., writes of mail carrying by a
hydro-aeroplane at Corpus Christi, on
March 29. Aviator De Remer, of the
Mills Aviation School of Chicago, ac-
companied by Official Carrier W. G.
Blake, started out Saturday morning,
March 29. Everything went nicely for
several miles until one of the propeller
blades snapped and the flight had to be
abandoned. Official permission had been
given for mail carrying between Corpus
Christi and Aransas, Texas, a distance
of twenty-two miles. Besides carrying
a considerable quantity of mail, the sack
contained part of an immense cabbage
which had to be cut to conform to the
Parcel Post regulations. This was being
sent to the Commercial Club of
Port Aransas by W. G. Blake, secretary
of the Commercial Club of Corpus
Christi. No special aeroplane cancella-
tion was provided for the flight. Mr.
Boone sends a cover for inspection on
which is written in pen "By Hydro
Route."

Eureka, Cal.

At New Era Park (Humboldt Bay),
Eureka, Cal., April 21 and 22, 1912, mail
was carried by aviator Weldon B.
Cooke for a distance of two miles.
Cooke started from the park and winged
his way across the bay to the Eureka
side. The mail sack was dropped from a
height of 600 feet. The sack was
picked up by a carrier from the Eureka
postoffice. Through the kindness of B.
W. Coggeshall, president of the Cogge-
shall Lunch company, lessees of the
New Era Park, I obtained the above
information.

Providence, Ky.

Russell L. Stultz of New Market, Va.,
informs me that mail was carried at
this place, July 22-27, 1912, by aviator
Horace Kearny who was later killed.
Mail was carried by aeroplane from the
Fair Grounds to the main postoffice.
Official authorization of the service was
given and the route was designated as
No. 629,001.

Boonville, Ind.

At the Boonville, Ind., Fair Grounds
from August 26 to 31, 1912, an aviation
meet was held at which aviator Horace
Kearny carried mail from a special
The exact date I am unable to obtain.
Kearny carried mail from a special

postoffice on the grounds to the post-
office, a distance of a quarter of a mile.
The sack of mail was dropped and
picked up by a deputy postmaster and
taken to the main postoffice for dis-
tribution.

Help Wanted.

Can any reader of the WEEKLY help
me out with letters or postal cards from
Eureka, Cal., Boonville, Ind., or Provi-
dence, Ky., bearing the special aero
cancellations? Postmasters at these
places have refused to answer several
letters I have written them, hence I
lack both cancellations and information
regarding the use of same.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all
the news from the various philatelic centers.
Correspondents' names will be given unless
prohibited as we desire to give full credit for
services rendered.

—Clippings are acknowledged with
thanks from A. A. Leve, Geo. W. Schaefer
(2), Henry McConnell, L. H. Wardwell,
W. E. Marsh.

—A Detroit subscriber calls our at-
tention to the fact that we have per-
mitted an advertiser to give the cata-
log price of Japan 5y and 10y at \$3.50,
when \$2.00 is the correct catalog quo-
tation. The writer claims that great care
should be exercised to use corrected
prices when such have been announced,
and moreover that the catalog should be
named where Scott's prices are not used.
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—The Scott Stamp & Coin Co.
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time for this publication to appear and
dealers and collectors generally will look
forward to the firm's making good with
its promise.

—We have received from Dr. R. F.
DeSart for examination two specimens
of the 2c Canal Zone, one showing a
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recorded some two weeks ago, while on
the second specimen the letter "C" bears
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1 dollar, 2 dollars and 5 dollars.....	5.00
China (Republic)	
1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 16, 20, 50 cents.....	1.00
1 dollar, 2 dollars and 5 dollars.....	5.00
Greece, Surcharged Greek Occupation	
1 lepton green, glaze paper, black surch.....	.12
1 " ord.....	.10
2 lepta carmine, ord.....	.03
3 " vermilion, ord.....	.05
5 " green, ord.....	.05
5 " " glaze.....	.20
10 " rose, ord.....	.06
20 " gray lilac, ord.....	.10
20 " red lilac, 1901 issue.....	.25
25 " ultramarine, glaze paper, red surch.....	.15
30 " carmine rose, ord.....	.20
40 " deep blue, ord.....	.25
40 " " black.....	.50
50 " dull violet, " red.....	.25
1 drachme ultramarine, black.....	.50
2 " vermilion, black.....	.80
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5 " ultramarine, red.....	2.50
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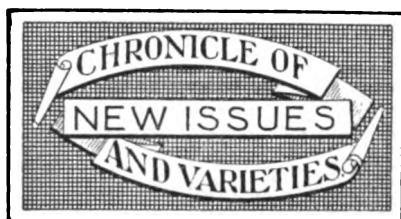
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6d, 10d, and 1sh octagonal. Several hundred copies in superb state.
3d rose, Secret dot.
9d Hair lines. Two copies.
1½d O.P.P.C. error.
2½d Error of lettering in strip.
4d red, Plate 16.
4d sage green, Plate 17.

6d buff, Plate 13.
10d watermark "emblems."
10d Plate 2.
10sh of 1883 on blue paper.
Blocks of £1 brown, orb and Crown.

A fine range of the official stamps including the 1sh Government Parcels with inverted surcharge, and the 1d inverted surcharge used on parcel post label from the town where this stamp was discovered.

Etc. Etc.

Particulars of the other specialised collections will be given in following advertisements.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding pre-cancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDRIDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge lists the following new precancel:

Chicago, Ill., (1157.) 3c 1910, upper a hair line.

George H. Sleeper sends a 2c envelope stamp of the current so badly printed as to present an oval of nearly solid color, both front and back.

M. L. Fuller submits a current 2c envelope, which shows a break in the left "2" separating the ball entirely from the rest of the figure. Mr. Fuller says this ran constant through a bunch of 25 envelopes.

John J. Spencer sends us a copy of the current 5c parcel post stamp, which shows a plainly marked colorless line under the "T" of "Post" and over the top of the right column. This is not at all common, as Mr. Spencer found only three among 500 used stamps. Some unused copies with this dash came from Detroit. Probably this occurred on all the stamps of a certain sheet, as Mr. Spencer has found stamps from sides and corners with the same dash.

AUSTRALIA.—The *Australian Philatelist* says that only the 20sh value of the Kangaroo series remains to be issued.

BRAZIL.—Hermann Focke has shown us a used specimen of the new 1000r stamp, as announced in No. 1171. The design is entirely changed, and the head of Liberty has been replaced by a portrait of the late Baron of Rio Branco, the stamp being issued on March 20, the anniversary of his birth. Baron Rio Branco was greatly beloved in Brazil. After having served his country in many important positions, he became Minister of Foreign Affairs, an office which he held under two successive Presidents, and at the time of his death. He was the son of the late Viscount Rio Branco, who as Minister of the Empire, was instrumental in having adopted, under date of September 28, 1871 the law providing for the emancipation of the slaves. The design of the new stamp much resembles the current Chilean stamps, and apparently was

printed by the American Bank Note Co. The portrait of Rio Branco is printed in a large oval, with "Brazil" above and "Correos" below, both in curved lines, with a star at either side and conventional ornaments above and below. The name appears just under the portrait, the value being a straight line at the bottom, thus: "1\$000". We have also been shown unused copies of this stamp by Whitfield King & Co. and the New England Stamp Co.

L'Echo states that a new set of official stamps will shortly be issued in various colors, with portrait of Marshal Hermes de Fonseca, President of the Republic. The values will be from 10 reis to 1,000\$000 reis, of "Conto de reis," as the higher figure is called. This would indicate that the 10r value is to be restored to the list from which it was displaced by the decree of 1909. For a long time the official stamps, with portrait of Affonso Penna, were not sold to the public in unused condition, though were to be had cancelled to order. It is now stated that they can be obtained without obliteration, in accordance with a new order of the Administration. The Penna stamps are still current, and it is not known whether the new stamps will also be sold unused, or whether the recent move was prompted solely by a desire to use up a large stock of the old stamps.

Adhesive.

1\$000 green.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Two new values are listed by *Maurys Collectionneur* in the new King George series.

Adhesives.

2c carmine.

12c orange and lilac.

COLOMBIA.—Split provisionals seem to be quite common down in Colombia, Frank C. Davis having shown us covers franked with two 2c and a diagonal half of both the Arango and National prints, and another with a diagonal half of a 10c stamp.

GERMANY.—*Offices in the Levant*.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles the issue of the 15pi on 3m violet and black, on paper watermarked lozenges.

HONDURAS.—Hermann Focke sends us another provisional from Honduras, the 10c blue of 1911, steamer type, having been surcharged "5 cts." in black.

Provisional Adhesive.

"5 cts." on 10c blue.

MEXICO.—We are indebted to H. R. Howard for specimens of the local postage stamps issued by the state of Sonora, Mexico, presumably owing to a shortage of regular postage stamps. There are three values, as shown us by Mr. Howard, all being the same with the exception of the value. The stamps are type set and measure 31 by 25 mm. They have a plain rule border, the in-

scriptions reading, "Correos—Estado Libre y Soberano de—Sonora.—Decreto de 13 de—Marzo de 1913." The figure of value is printed in a plain black circle, just below the word "Sonora," while the value in words appears at the sides, reading up on the left and reading down on the right. "Correos" and the value in figures and words are printed in red all the rest of the stamp being in black. The stamps are rouletted in colorless lines, and are printed five stamps at a time, ten stamps on a sheet, the sheet being reversed for the second printing, bringing the stamps foot to foot, but with a wide space between the rouletting. The paper is plain white wove. Mr. Howard shows us a complete sheet of the two cent value, which shows the middle stamp with quite a different figure "2." The other values do not have this error. The sheet also shows a wrong font "C" in the word "Centavos" at the right. There are no watermarks in any of the stamps submitted, but all are embossed with the word "Constitutional" printed from the back and reading downward across each stamp. When the stamps are separated, the whole of the word does not appear on the stamps, being lost on the margin of the sheet.

Provisional Adhesives.

2c black and red.
5c black and red.
10c black and red.

NICARAGUA.—We are indebted to several parties, and especially to Hermann Focke, George H. Sleeper and A. W. Dunning for specimens of the new surcharges on the current stamps of Nicaragua. Mr. Focke informs us that this surcharge is due to the fact that on May 1, 1913, Nicaragua adopted the gold standard, so to speak, for its postal affairs similar to the system adopted by Colombia, Costa Rica, and Panama, the new monetary unit being called "Cordoba" for the "Peso" and "Centavo de Codoba" for the old-fashioned "Centavo." Of course the country was not able to have the new postage stamps in this currency ready in time, so they had to fall back once more into the sin of surcharging. As there are not less than three sets of stamps in the old currency which will be pressed into service, there will be no lack of varieties. These three sets are the Liberty set in various colors for Nicaragua proper; the same all in blue for official use, and the locomotive set for the Atlantic Coast. The surcharge consists of four lines of type reading, "VALE—un cent.—de cordoba—1913." Thus far we have seen the following values:

Provisional Adhesives.

"medio centavo" on 1p orange.
On regular postage stamps.
"un centavo" on 4c brown violet.
"dos centavos" on 2p dark blue green.
"tres centavos" on 6c olive bistre.
On Locomotive stamps.
"cinco centavos" on 35c brown and black.
"cinco centavos" on 50c olive green.

Mr. Focke calls attention to a mistake made in listing the provisional

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15c on 35c green and brown in No. 1163. The surcharge is in purple and not in black as there stated. Mr. Focke has found one error, stamp No. 30 on the sheet of 100 stamps having an "a" instead of "c" in the word "cts." There is also a broken "1" in "15" and space showing on the No. 47.

URUGUAY.—Frank C. Davis has shown us a cover with the 2c and 5c surcharged stamps described in No. 1168.

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BOSTON, MASS., June 21, 1913.
The 294th (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, June 24, at 7.30 o'clock.

The following applications will be acted upon:—Messrs. B. A. Oppenheimer, Charles Dane, A. C. Needham, Frank C. Cosby and H. E. Blanchard.

The Entertainment Committee announces that Mr. A. Parker Brown will exhibit his fine collection of unused 20th Century British Colonial stamps. This collection is understood to be very nearly complete up to and including the 5s values, which were placed as a limit. Any one who knows Mr. Brown's fondness for perfection in unused stamps will appreciate the treat in store for those who want to see a really MINT collection of British Colonials. A word to the wise is sufficient.

This is the last regular meeting of the season and a good attendance is expected.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

C. H. HOLDEN AN ADVERTISER.

We introduce this week for the patronage of our readers a Detroit dealer, by name C. H. Holden, who will take space in each issue of the WEEKLY. Mr. Holden is an old-time Canadian dealer and his name will no doubt be familiar to some of our older subscribers. We quote the following from a recent letter, which is of more than passing interest:—

"Have been interested in stamps for years and might say that I was the first to inaugurate monthly auction sales in 1892 which I conducted several years. I enclose catalogue dated 1892. Might say, incidentally, that the New Brunswick 'Connell' stamp shown therein sold at that time for \$100. Sold during those sales hundreds of the pence issues of Canada and came into possession of several thousand of the early issues of Canada found in the old Gore bank at Toronto, among them being a strip of 5 New Brunswick 1sh, perhaps the only strip of the kind in existence."

C. O. D. ON PARCEL POST.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Parcel post packages may be sent collect after July 1 according to an order issued by Postmaster-General A. S. Burleson yesterday. After that date any parcel post package may be sent C. O. D. up to the amount of \$100. A fee of 10 cents will be charged the sender for the C. O. D. privilege on each package. It will be 10 cents in parcel post stamps affixed by the sender. This fee will also insure the package to the amount of \$50 liability.

KLEIN AUCTION PRICES.

Some prices realized at the May 21st auction sale of the Eugene Klein, Inc. Scott's catalog prices.

	Cat.	Price
Brattleboro, unused, original gum,	\$651.00	
U. S. 1851, 5c dark red brown, imperforate pair on cover,	20.00	56.00
1861, August, 90c unused o. g.		715.00
1895, \$5.00 green, imperforate block of four unused o. g.,		81.00
Philadelphia Carrier 1c on rose, without initials on cover,	75.00	71.00
Barbados, 1852, left half of 2d slate blue used together with vertical pair of 1/2d deep green on cover,	48.00	41.00
Bergedorf 1861, 1s on cover,	15.00	75.00
Bremen 1866, 10g on cover,	18.00	31.00
Wei Hai Wei 1898, 2c on red used with various British stamps on cover,		16.00
Cuba 1910, 1c green and violet, inverted center, block of four unused o. g.,		46.00
Danish West Indies 1902, green surcharge 2c on 3c, unused o. g.,	30.00	26.00
Ivory Coast postal packet 1902, 50c lilac, name omitted, unused o. g.,	18.00	18.00
1f name omitted, unused o. g.,	16.00	17.00
Lubeck 1863-5, 2 1/2s ultra-marine, used on cover,	9.00	19.75
Modena 1852, 1L used with other stamps on cover,	36.50	37.00
1L with period after lira and without period after figure of value used with other stamps on cover,		81.00
New Foundland 1897, 1c on 3c surcharged in both black & red, unused o. g.,		27.50
Chile 5c violet envelope used with other stamps in Callao, Peru, in 1862,		60.00
Romagna 1859, 20b used with other stamps on cover,	26.25	36.00
Switzerland, Federal Administration 1849-50, without frame 2 1/2, red and black vertical strip of four on cover,	30.00	50.00
Lady McLeod S. N. Co. 1847, 2d blue on cover,	75.00	105.00

THE POSTAGE STAMP IN HISTORY.

Clipping by P. B. ADRIAN.

A postage stamp which played a part in history is told about by M. Bunau-Varilla in his new book on the Panama Canal. The incident occurred when the discussion over the relative merits of the Panama and the Nicaragua routes was at its height. Bunau-Varilla had been working vigorously for the Panama route, making use of the two arguments of less cost and immunity from active volcanoes. One day he recalled that Nicaragua had issued a handsome stamp, showing a volcano in full activity. He at once sent to the dealers in foreign stamps in Wash-

ington, and obtained ninety of these stamps, which he forwarded to the ninety Senators, along with bits of paper bearing the words: "Postage stamps of the republic of Nicaragua: an official witness of the volcanic activity of Nicaragua." The catastrophe at St. Pierre took place about this time, to deepen the impression of volcanic danger, and the Panama route was adopted by the narrow margin of four votes.—N. Y. Evening Post.

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*Bolivar '79, 5c imperf. pair " .50	U. S. 10c Proprietary revenue " .35
*St. Kitts, '82 1/2, 1, 4p " .38	" 25c Warehouse Receipt " .50
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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE. Bavaria.

THE POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

The first postage due stamps for Bavaria were set up from ordinary printer's type; the next issue was printed from plates made by the stereo-type process from "dies" set from type; and since 1876 stamps of the Arms type, printed in grey or greenish-grey, have been overprinted for this purpose. All are distinguished by the peculiar inscription "Vom Empfänger Zahlbar", meaning "To be paid by the recipient", which is quite different from that found on the postage due stamps of any other country. The first "set" consisted of but one value—3 kreuzer—and the issue of this was announced by means of an Official Notice dated September 22nd, 1862. This decree is of considerable interest, as it explains in detail the method of using the stamps, so we append a translation supplied to *Gibbons Stamp Weekly* by Dr. Erich Stenger:

Re the introduction of Postage Due stamps for Unfranked Local Correspondence.

IN THE NAME OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF BAVARIA!

On the 1st October of the current year the present system of marking by hand the amount of duty to be paid by the addressee on unfranked local correspondence will cease, and instead special Tax tokens (Postage Due stamps) will come into use, which must be affixed to the letter and which alone give a right to demand a tax on delivery.

1. All letters to be considered as local correspondence which either:—

(a) are to be delivered in the town of the distributing office itself, or in the Rural post district belonging thereto, or

(b) are dispatched from a place in the Rural post district to the post town itself, or to another place in the said Rural post district.

2. The stamps to be used for such unfranked correspondence, instead of marking the amount in writing, bear the value 3kr (the single duty for delivery in the Local or Rural post district), printed in black, on white paper, with a red silk thread running through it sideways.

For correspondence which exceeds the weight payable by a single Tax Stamp, as many Postage Due stamps must be used to make up the amount which pays for that weight according to the tariff.

3. In the case of letters posted in the post town the Postage Due stamps shall be affixed by the distributing officer, in the case of letters handed to the postman in the Rural post district for delivery, by the postman; in all cases on the side bearing the address, after the manner of postage stamps. Omission to use the stamps not only gives every recipient of local correspondence the right to refuse the demand for payment, but will also be followed by commensurate penal proceedings against the distributing officer or postman concerned.

4. The Postage Due stamps will be issued to the post offices from the Royal District Treasury in sheets of ninety stamps, and the same regulations hold good for their issue and use as in the case of postage stamps.

5. For other unpaid correspondence which, not being part of the local deliveries, has to be dispatched from the distributing office to another post office, the method of marking the amount of tax by hand remains unaltered.

MUNICH, September 22nd, 1862.

GENERAL DIREKTION

DER K. VERKEHRS ANSTALTEN.

It will thus be seen from the foregoing notice that the stamps were purely

for local use and this system has remained practically unaltered to the present day. The stamps were printed in black on white paper, and were issued imperforate. The design is simple in the extreme. In the centre is a large numeral "3" and in the rectangular frame around this we find "Bayer. Posttaxe" (Bavarian Post Tax), at the top; "Vom Empfänger Zahlbar", at the bottom; and "3 kreuzer" reading upwards at the left, and downwards at the right. All the inscriptions are in Gothic lettering. As we have already stated the design was set up from ordinary printer's type, the sheet consisting of ninety stamps arranged in two panes of forty-five each (five horizontal rows of nine), placed one above the other. A space equal to about half the height of a stamp divides the panes and between the vertical rows lengths of printers' rule are inserted. The paper was the silk-thread variety used for the contemporary postage stamps but in these labels it is horizontal instead of vertical as in the postal issues. This is due to the different arrangement of the stamps the vertical rows of the Postage Dues occupying about the same area as the horizontal rows of the ordinary stamps.

Naturally, as the plate for this 3kr stamp was set from type minor varieties abound. The only one of particular importance occurs on the fourth stamp of the second row of the upper pane. On this the final "r" of "Empfänger" is omitted. This, as the catalogue quotations indicate, is an exceedingly scarce variety. Those of our readers who wish to study this issue more deeply cannot do better than refer to the excellent article in *Gibbons Stamp Weekly* (Vol. XI, pages 492 and 588) by Dr. Erich Stenger.

(To be continued.)

THE COLLECTING OF BLOCKS.

By HERMAN W. BOERS.

Few who are collecting realize the scarcity of blocks of early U. S. issues. Many no doubt are thinking they are easy to get anytime. Let me give you my experience.

Last fall I wanted the issue of 1869, 1c, 2c, 3c denominations. I wrote to a number of dealers, but without success; then I started out stronger even after good collectors—but nothing doing. One collector sent me a block of four 1869—3c proof and told me to have it perforated. I couldn't see it that way, and returned it with thanks.

I was at it over four months and no success. I finally landed a block of 2c from a prominent Eastern dealer and paid him \$2.00 for it and glad to get it. With one lonely specimen on a big page I started out for the 1c and 3c.

I sent an advertisement to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY which appeared on February 22. Here I lived in hopes thinking that a paper like this with over 7,000 readers circulating amongst the very best collectors might supply me with what I wanted. I got just five replies.

The first one came from Ohio a strip of four used, badly centered and I could not use it. Second one from Missouri a collector had a block of four used for which he wanted 75 cents, but I had this. Third one came from California. This party sent a strip of four 3c fine copies for which I paid \$2.00—lucky to get it. Fourth one came from a small place in New York state. A dealer sent me a block of 1c for which I paid \$2.00. Fifth party wanted to exchange with me but I was too far advanced for him.

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Anjouan—
05 on 2c group. 10 on 40c group.
05 on 4c group. 10 on 45c group.
05 on 15c group. 10 on 50c group.
05 on 20c group. 10 on 75c group.
05 on 25c group. 10 on 1fr group.
05 on 30c group.

Dahomey—
05 on 2c group. 05 on 25c group.
05 on 4c group. 05 on 30c group.
05 on 15c group. 10 on 40c group.
05 on 20c group. 10 on 50c group.

French Guiana—
05 on 2c group. 05 on 30c group.
05 on 4c group. 10 on 40c group.
05 on 20c group. 10 on 50c group.
05 on 25c group.

Gabon—
05 on 2c group. 10 on 45c group.
05 on 4c group. 10 on 50c group.
05 on 15c group. 10 on 75c group.
05 on 20c group. 10 on 1fr group.
05 on 25c group. 10 on 2fr group.
05 on 30c group. 10 on 5fr group.
10 on 40c group.

Grand Comoro—
05 on 2c group. 05 on 30c group.
05 on 4c group. 10 on 40c group.
05 on 15c group. 10 on 45c group.
05 on 20c group. 10 on 50c group.
05 on 25c group. 10 on 75c group.

Guadeloupe—
05 on 4c group. 10 on 40c group.
05 on 30c group.

Indo China—
05 on 4c group. 05 on 4c figure.
05 on 15c group. 05 on 15c figure.
05 on 30c group. 05 on 30c figure.
10 on 40c group. 10 on 40c figure.
10 on 50c group. 10 on 50c figure.
10 on 75c group. 10 on 75c figure.

Ivory Coast—
05 on 15c group. 10 on 50c group.
05 on 30c group. 10 on 75c group.
10 on 40c group.

Madagascar—
05 on 15c group. 10 on 50c group.
05 on 20c group. 10 on 75c group.
10 on 75c group.
05 on 2c zebu and monkey.
05 on 20c zebu and monkey.
05 on 30c zebu and monkey.
10 on 40c zebu and monkey.
10 on 50c zebu and monkey.
10 on 75c zebu and monkey.

Mayotte—
05 on 2c group. 05 on 30c group.
05 on 4c group. 10 on 45c group.
05 on 15c group. 10 on 50c group.
05 on 20c group. 10 on 75c group.
05 on 25c group. 10 on 1fr group.

Moheli—
05 on 4c group. 10 on 40c group.
05 on 20c group. 10 on 45c group.
05 on 30c group. 10 on 50c group.

St. Pierre Miquelon—
05 on 2c group. 05 on 20c group.
05 on 4c group. 05 on 25c group.
05 on 15c group. 05 on 30c group.
05 on 35c black on yellow, group.
10 on 40c group. 10 on 75c group.
10 on 50c group. 10 on 1fr group.

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THE CONDOMINIUM STAMPS OF THE NEW HEBRIDES.

By D. B. ARMSTRONG.

On April 1st, 1908, the Resident Commissioners of Great Britain and France, appointed under the Convention of October 20th, 1906, entered upon their duties and the work of organizing the public services of the Condominium was commenced forthwith. A Condominium Post Office was duly inaugurated on Oct. 1st, the Postmaster being Mons. G. Roy, who was detached for service from the Noumea post office. Subsequently the Postal, Telegraph, and Telephone services were amalgamated and the office of Postmaster combined with that of Treasurer.

In the interim between the ratification of the Treaty on December 2nd, 1907, and the establishment of the Condominium Post Office, the postal service of the group is said to have been maintained by travelling postmasters on board the steamers of the Burns, Philip Line and the s.s. "Pacificque" of the Messageries Maritimes, voyaging between Port Vila and Sydney and Noumea respectively.

Special postage stamps were provided for the use of the newly established Condominium Post Office, in accordance with the terms of the Convention, as set forth in the subjoined official notification.

New Hebrides. No. 2 of 1908

NOTICE

concerning the issue and prohibition of stamps for franking correspondence in the New Hebrides.

The High Commissioner of France for the New Hebrides.

The High Commissioner of His Britannic Majesty for the New Hebrides.

In view of the Convention of October 20th, 1906, and particularly the conditions of Arts. 4 and 5.

In view of the verbal notice under date of October 20th, 1908, announcing the receipt and custody by the Chief of the New Hebrides Post Office, of the surcharged stamps placed at the disposal of the Condominium by the British Government.

Considering that it is desirable, to ensure the maintenance of the postal service, to put these stamps in circulation without awaiting the receipt of the others which are to be supplied under the same conditions by the French Government.

Considering that it is desirable on this occasion to determine the nature of the stamps to be employed in franking correspondence posted in the New Hebrides group, and to take the necessary steps to protect the

postal monopoly of the Condominium.

Decree as follows:

The use of the stamps of New Caledonia and New South Wales is suspended.

Art. I. On and after the first day of December, 1908, the postage stamps of New Caledonia and New South Wales respectively shall cease to be affixed to letters, etc., transmitted to places in and beyond the New Hebrides through the Condominium Post Office, and postage on such letters, etc., shall be prepaid only by affixing the issues of Fiji and New Caledonia surcharged with the inscription "Nouvelles Hebrides" or "New Hebrides Condominium" or by such other stamps as the Resident Commissioner may from time to time by notification direct.

Art. II. On and after the first day of December, 1908, all letters, etc., transmitted through the Condominium Post Office to places in and beyond the group bearing issues other than those directed by the Resident Commissioners shall be considered as unpaid and postage of double the deficiency shall be payable, and such surcharge shall be marked on the article at the office of origin.

Art. III. All monies received from the sale of Condominium postage stamps shall be credited to the funds of the joint administration.

Art. IV. The stamps of the Colony of Fiji imprinted with the words "New Hebrides Condominium" will be put in circulation on and from the date of this notice and may be employed concurrently with those of New Caledonia and New South Wales, the sale and use of which is authorized until December 1st, 1908, in accordance with article I. of the present notice.

Art. V. The Chief of the New Hebrides Post Office is charged with the execution of the present decree, which shall be displayed in the offices of the two Resident Commissioners and communicated to all whom it may concern.

Port Vila, October 29th, 1908.

For the High Commissioner of H. B. M. for the New Hebrides.

(Signed) M. KING.

For the High Commissioner of the French Republic for the New Hebrides.

(Signed) CH. NOUFLARD.

Imp. L. BERGASSE, Noumea.

In accordance with this proclamation a supply of the then current Fijian postage stamps overprinted "New Hebrides Condominium," which had been furnished by the High Commissioner of the Western Pacific, and had arrived at Port Vila, per H. M. S. "Prometheus," on October 12th, was placed on sale and used concurrently with the ordinary stamps of New Caledonia pending the receipt of a French series similarly overprinted.

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Dominican Rep. 1899, 1p gray* (rare)	2.50	1.22	
" 2p brown*	4.50	2.20	
Tonga 1895, 2 1/2p rose*	.35	.15	
" 7 1/2p yellow*	.50	.23	
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2c "	.16
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2c 1910 in color of 50c	.80
2c Lincoln on blue paper	.75
1c 1902 imperforate	.40
2c 1903	.32

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proportion was actually sent out to the New Hebrides, the balance being retained for sale in Paris. The exact quantities were:—

	Total No. despatched to the overprinted. New Hebrides.	Total No.
5c.	82,500	15,000
10c.	133,500	38,000
25c.	133,500	30,000
50c.	61,500	12,000
1fr.	20,250	7,000

By reason of their being readily obtainable in Paris unused in any desired quantity, the stamps of the French series have never enjoyed the same amount of popularity that has been accorded those of the British series.

Summary.

1908. November 21st. Five values of contemporary New Caledonian postage stamps overprinted "Nouvelles Hebrides" in red or black Roman capitals. Typographed, printed and over-printed at the Administration des Postes, Paris, in complete sheets of 150 from electrotype plates at one operation. Medium wave unwatermarked paper, white and tinted. Perf. 14x13½.

5 centimes, yellow-green (black overprint).
10 centimes, rose-red (black overprint).
25 centimes, blue on greenish (red overprint).
50 centimes, red on orange (black overprint).
1 franc, blue on green (red overprint).

It was apparently intended that these two series of stamps should be used respectively for franking correspondence conveyed by the French or British steamship lines as the case might be, but this procedure does not seem to have been very strictly adhered to, and both series appear to have been used indiscriminately, letters being known franked with both French and British stamps.

The same may be said of the postmarks of which the Condominium Post Office was provided with two, the one for cancelling the French series being inscribed "Port Vila-Nilles. Hebrides," and the other lettered in English, for use in oblitterating the British stamps, "Vila-New Hebrides" but these are likewise employed without regard to the nationality of the stamps to be cancelled, whichever is nearest at hand, and British stamps are found with the British postmark and vice-versa.

At the end of each month the total amount received from the sale of Condominium postage stamps of both series is made up by the Condominium postmaster, half being credited to the British and half to the French administration.

For correspondence conveyed by the British service the regular Australian internal postal rate (now reduced to 1d) is in force whilst letters for New Caledonia, France and the French Colonies are subject to a uniform rate of ten centimes. On the other hand letters from Great Britain and France consigned to the New Hebrides are charged at the rate of 2½d and 25 centimes respectively, transit occupying from two to three months.

When the postage stamps were first issued the New Hebrides were not included in the Universal Postal Union, but they have throughout been recognised by the officials of the Berne Bureau and accepted in prepayment of



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international postal charges, the British and French diplomatic representatives in Berne having given an undertaking to the Postal Union authorities that the provisional issues would, as soon as possible, be replaced by a definite issue for the Condominium.

THE CONJOINT SERIES OF 1910.

The attention of the French authorities having been drawn to the fact that the omission of the word "Condominium" from the overprint on the New Caledonian stamps tended to convey an erroneous impression that the Islands were a dependency of that Colony, this omission was rectified in 1910 by the addition of that word to all the overprinted New Caledonian stamps on hand in Paris. The total number to receive this additional overprint was as follows:—

5c,	42,000.
10c,	84,000.
25c,	96,000.
50c,	42,000.
1fr,	10,250.

These were issued from the Agence Comptable des Timbres-poste Coloniaux, on March 16th, 1910, but supplies did not reach Port Vila until late in July, and then comprised only the 5c, 10c and 1 franc denominations, of which the following numbers were received:—

5c,	12,000.
10c,	24,000.
1fr,	2,000.

They were placed on sale at the Condominium Post Office about September, 1910.

Summary.

1910. Three values of contemporary New Caledonian postage stamps (series 1905), overprinted "Nouvelles Hebrides" in Roman capitals in black or red, additionally overprinted "Condominium" in the same type. Typographed, printed, and overprinted at the Administration des Postes, Paris, in complete sheets of 150 from electrotype plates at two operations. Medium wave unwatermarked paper, white and tinted. Perf. 14x13½.

5 centimes, yellow-green (black overprint).
10 centimes, rose-red (black overprint).
1 franc, blue on green (red overprint).

As might be expected the relative position of the word "Condominium" in regard to the remainder of the overprint shows considerable variation, both in the space between it and the word

"Hebrides" of the original overprint and also in its centre in respect of that word, but such varieties are not of sufficient importance to warrant their being formally listed here.

The 25c and 50c values sold in Paris with the additional Condominium overprint cannot be considered as genuine New Hebrides postage stamps, since they were never sold at the Condominium Post Office, and they must therefore be relegated to the category of "Stamps prepared for use, but not issued."

Meanwhile owing to a shortage of stamps in Fiji a requisition for a further supply overprinted for use in the New Hebrides was referred to the printers in London, to be filled from a fresh printing of current Fijian postage stamps then being made in colours conforming to the Crown Agents' colour scheme.

The overprint of the words "New Hebrides Condominium" was applied by the printers in two lines as before, but in slightly smaller and heavier type, and without the colour bar over the name tablet, apparently from an electrotype plate designed to overprint an entire sheet at a single operation.

A consignment of these stamps comprising 25,000 of each denomination was dispatched from London via Fiji on September 28th, 1910, and the stamps were issued at Port Vila on December 15th of that year.

Summary.

1910. December 15th. Seven values of contemporary Fijian postage stamps in new colours, overprinted "New Hebrides Condominium" in two lines of small thick sans-serif capitals in black or red from an electrotype plate at one operation. Typographed, printed and overprinted by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. in London in sheets of 120, two panes of sixty, ten rows of six, on medium white wove paper watermarked Multiple Crown CA, perf. 14. Name and value in second colour. Values above 2½d on chalk-surfaced paper.

¼d green.
1d carmine.
2d grey.
2½d blue.
5d violet and olive.
6d purple.
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In November, 1910, Mons. G. Roy was succeeded as Condominium Postmaster and Treasurer by M. Deschamps.

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EDITORIAL.

True—Often there are news items in the papers telling of the delivery of letters years after they had been mailed. Usually, it is to some mischance of the postoffice department that the delay is to be attributed but recently, there was an account of a letter that had lain undelivered for over fifty years, in the Pottsville, Pa., *Republican*; and on this occasion, the omission is not to be charged to the postoffice. In view of the historical side of the story and the fact that the circumstances as related are known to us to be authentic, we shall try to make space elsewhere in our columns for it.

Who Has a Copy?—A short time ago, the Regan Printing House, of Chicago, published an entertaining reminiscent sketch in handsome dress, the *Story of Chicago, In Connection with the Printing Business*. In the appendix which contains a compilation of publications that have been issued from Chicago, we find: "*Western Postal Record*, 1868-1881: a monthly devoted to postal interests. J. S. Elwell was editor and the Western Record Printing Co., were publishers, 1872-1874. P. C. Russell was editor and publisher, 1875-1881." We had not heard heretofore of this journal, which of course was not of a philatelic character, although its columns certainly would be interesting to philatelists to-day. Probably, the publication addressed itself to those in the postal service and was the prototype of papers of the present, such as the *Postmasters' Advocate*. The chance that any of our readers can furnish further particulars of the *Western Postal Record* is a remote one but we are hopeful that we shall uncover a copy of this paper some time in the future.

A Postal Tale—Though philatelic fiction by no means is without friends, yet it long has been a target for the shafts of an irreconcilable section of philately. In looking over a copy of

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Every Saturday, Boston, for December 18th, 1869, attention was arrested by the story, *Lost in the Post Office*, by Hesba Stretton, reprinted from *Routledge's Annual*. At first, it was thought that the tale could qualify as philatelic fiction but really the story is postal fiction. There is a good description of postoffice usage of the times incidentally to the story; and the writer seems to believe that a "public office was a private snap," according to the following revelation: "In the course of a few years my father appointed me his head clerk, upon the promotion of the previous clerk to an office of his own; and our united salaries then amounted to four hundred pounds a year, besides the numerous perquisites which at that time of day fell to the share of the postmaster, such as private letter-bags, and the postage upon local letters. We had two under-clerks, and the duties were light; very different from what they have since become, as I am told. The penny postage had only just come in; postage stamps were still an institution of the future, and money-orders had been a recognized branch of the establishment no more than two years. Only four years before the stamp duties on newspapers had been 3/4 pence apiece, and the wildest Whig had not yet dreamed of a penny newspaper. There were hours in our post-office when our two subordinates were more than sufficient for all the work of the place, and my father's post was little else than a sinecure." All this was in England before the days of stamps.

The Browne Report—In the report of J. Ross Browne on the mineral resources of the states and territories west of the Rocky Mountains, submitted under date of March 5th, 1865, and ordered printed by congress on the same day, there is data of value to the collector of western franks particularly. Mr. Browne was engaged in collecting material for his report for several years or more and among the topics, it was considered advisable to give special attention to, were: "Communication with the mines and principal towns, postal and telegraphic lines; stage routes; cost of travel; probable benefits likely to result from construction of Pacific railroad and its proposed branches." The report is a voluminous one of nearly seven hundred pages.

Brazil in 1876—At the Philadelphia centennial exhibition in 1876, the Empire of Brazil, as it was then, made an extensive exhibit and Emperor Dom Pedro was an honored guest at the opening celebration. In a pamphlet issued from Rio Janeiro in 1876, intended for consultation in connection with the Brazilian displays, there is a description of the postal workings of that country that affords a comprehensive idea of the subject. The general administrative offices were centered in Rio de Janeiro, with ramifications throughout the country, by means of special administrations in the capitals of the provinces, and of agencies in the cities, in many of the towns and in some important districts. The "marine and fluvial mail service" was performed by companies which received concessions from the government and by six English; four French and one Italian company that carried the transatlantic mails from Rio de Janeiro to European and other points. In the five years from 1869 to 1874, the postal receipts increased twenty per cent.

An Explanation—A reader asks for information about an envelope bearing

"a U. S. sanitary commission embellishment and the following text: North-western Fair of the Sanitary Commission and Soldiers' Home, to open May 30th, 1865, Chicago, Illinois;" and a two cent black Jackson, postmarked in 1865 after the close of the war. The second sanitary fair held in Chicago was planned some time before the close of the war and when Lee surrendered, the work of preparation was not abandoned. Instead, greater efforts were made to insure the success of the undertaking and counteract the diminution of a time of interest on the part of the public following the proclamation of peace. The fair in question was a financial and social success and its features long were a theme for conservation and recollection on the part of the older inhabitants. This Chicago fair was the last one that was held.

Cancellations—Dr. Chase's plan for systematizing the study of United States cancellations is attracting attention and his proposal is generally commended as affording a working basis in the consideration of a somewhat complicated subject. Not a few inquiries have been received asking us to account for the significance of unusual cancellations on the earlier varieties of United States and it is to be said that in each case, the marking fell under one of the classifications of the twenty-two that were in Dr. Chase's compilation. There is a cancellation form that is of private origin and is of no interest to the philatelist that has been seen on a stamp in addition to the regulation postal marking. In the sixties, some of the large firms began to use circular "receipt" stamps, showing the time of the arrival of the mail and though the impression usually was applied to the clean part of the envelope, it has been known to overlap the stamp in a few instances.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

"In your issue of June 7 under heading 'Commonwealth of Australia', R. J. Hogg gives some items concerning the new issue, stating among other things: 'The 9d we have only heard of as being used in Victoria and in Tasmania no issue has been made.' Permit me to say that the 1d was used in Tasmania freely during January and February as I have had many bearing dates of each month, and that the 3d, 4d, and 9d were sold in Hobart certainly by the first week in April if not before, all three being sent me in a letter mailed April 11th with the comment that they had been recently bought at the Hobart office."—AMY L. SWIFT.

—It is suggested that a block of four of the corner stamps of panes of U. S. making a block perforated all around and imperforate between, would make a nice centerpiece for a page of plate number strips. We are indebted to Edw. W. Bridge for the suggestion.

—At the last writing, no further values in the Cayman Ids. King George type had been placed on sale. The George stamps now stand as follows:—1/4d, 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 2s, and 3s. All the old Edward, P. & R. stamps are still in stock, except the 1/4d value."—HARRY E. HUBER.

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—We are indebted to E. Androchvitz for specimens of publicity cancellations to which reference has been made frequently in our columns. It is not our intention to keep a record of these cancellations.

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FIFTY-TWO YEARS AGO.

A soldier's letter mailed 52 years ago, May 30, 1861, on the very date selected after the war as Soldier's Memorial Day, arrived in Pottsville, today, Saturday, June 14, 1913, which by a second coincidence is Flag Day, and another notable feature of the letter is that the envelope also contained a piece of the shirt worn by Col. E. E. Ellsworth when he was shot down while lowering a Confederate flag at the Marshall House, Alexandria, Virginia, across the river from Fort Washington, where Henry C. Russell, the soldier who wrote the letter, and a comrade of the First Defenders was stationed with his command at the time of the shooting and when he wrote the letter to his father, the late "Andrew Russell, Esq., Pottsville, Penna.," per the directions on the envelope.

This soldier's letter mailed more than half a century ago was in the U. S. mail that arrived Saturday morning and was delivered to Mrs. Priscilla K. Russell, widow of the dead soldier, the late Henry C. Russell, a prominent resident of Pottsville in his day, at their home "The Pines", Howard Ave., and Ninth St., and Mrs. Russell after submitting the letter to a sister of her husband, Mrs. Anna R. Little, kindly gave her consent to the publication of the letter. Mrs. Little also having no objection, and to these good ladies the readers of the *Republican* are indebted for the pleasure of perusing this interesting missive.

To fully understand the situation the explanatory letter contained in the accompanying soldier's letter should first be read; it follows:

"Pottstown, Penna., June 14, 1913.
"My dear Mrs. Russell—Enclosed please find a letter, written by your husband, to his father during the civil war. I found it among my brother, M. E. Richard's papers. He also was a veteran of the Civil War. The letter still was sealed. I suppose it was given him to mail and was forgotten.

"It affords me much pleasure to send this letter to you; it contains a small piece of Col. Ellsworth's shirt secured after he was killed at Alexandria, Va., defending the Flag. Just think! Written 50 years ago.

"I know you will value it, as I would do under the same circumstances. I procured your address from Mrs. Hunt, who is a friend and a life long resident of Pottsville. I thought she would know the old families.

Yours, Miss Annie E. Richards.
"To Mrs. H. C. Russell."

Following is the letter written to his father, by Henry C. Russell, First Defender:

"Fort Washington, Maryland,
May 30, 1861.

"My dear Pa.—I received your letter of the 25th inst., a few days ago and was very glad to know some one 'still lives' in Pottsville. Letters are beginning to be 'few and far between'. Two large mails came down today, but no letter for me. Matt Richards came down on the boat, bringing those books that Mr. Little sent to me, and a large quantity of provisions for the 'boys', which had collected at Washington during the past two weeks. He will return with the first up-boat, and I will send this by him.

"Tomorrow is general inspection day and the men are all cleaning up guns, belts, quarters, &c. Although we have not the best clothing and accoutrements in the world, our men make a first rate display. As evidence of their neatness and soldierly appearance, the Orderly to the Officer of the Day has been, in every instance since our arrival, here, selected from our Company. We have not yet been divided, nor commissioned.

"During the past week we have been attending drill schools under Lieutenant Reynolds, U. S. A. At times when we drill he has said, 'Sergeant, let me see you do that again,' and he likes our style of 'stacking arms'.

"Sam, (the writer's brother), will

be the Orderly Sergeant of our Co. after the division is completed.

"Enclosed is a piece of Col. Ellsworth's shirt, stained with his own heart's blood. Sergeant W. McQuade, who was on the boat when his body was carried on board, got a large piece of it and gave me this. His clothing and that secession flag were torn into shreds, by his men, as souvenirs. Keep it safely for me. We are all well.

"Next week we got to work at erecting a battery behind the Fort. Work, work, work, is the order of the day.

"Give my love to all the family, and to all friends. Sam sends his love to you all. Capt. Smith has not yet received your communication.

"Good-bye. God bless you all.

"Yr. aff. son,
HENRY C. RUSSELL."

"Excuse haste."

This typical soldier's letter seems like a voice from the dead and is worthy of a place in the archives of this county. Inquiry elicited the fact that Abe Seiders, a veteran letter carrier, had the honor of delivering this historic letter. —Pottsville, (Pa.) *Republican*.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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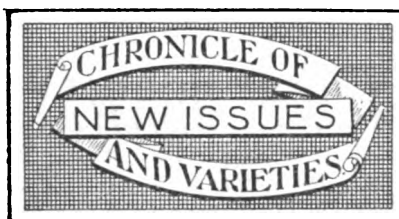
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge lists the following new precancels:

Minneapolis, Minn.—(No. 1160.) 5c, 15c, 1913, Parcel Post. The person who sent these in forgot to sign his name, so proper credit cannot be given, he also sent in a list of other Minneapolis Precancels, but as only stamps where copies are submitted are chronicled, no mention is made of them.

Dallas, Tex.—(DALLAS-TEXAS.) Two lines between bars from 1½ to 2 mm. thick, and 15 mm. apart. Very large capital letters with serif's. 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, and 25c 1913, Parcel Post. Specimens submitted by Howard Crannell.

Covington, Ky.—Two lines (COVINGTON-KENTUCKY.) in very fine sans serif capitals between lines 8 mm. apart, and ¼ mm. thick.

Appleton Thayer shows us a copy of the Reading Express stamp, value 5c, the printing being in black on a background of yellow made up from the familiar "Reading" diamond repeated. There are evidently 5c, 10c and 15c values.

Lambert H. McQuestion submits specimens of the 2c Columbian stamp showing a distinct cap over the right "2" like the 2c of 1890.

GERMAN EMPIRE.—A new card for the Breslan Celebration has been shown us by Mr. Schachne. The advertisement is in light brown and at the left bottom of the card.

Post Card.

5Pf green and light brown on white.

GERMAN NEW GUINEA.—Mr. Schachne has received a new issue, on which Neuguinea is spelled in one word.

Post Card.

5Pf green on buff, with dividing line.

GREECE.—In No. 1171 we described the new commemorative set and gave a few values. From *Champion's Bulletin* we get the balance of the list. The 11, 51, 101, 201, 301, 501, 2d, 5d and 25d are in the Cross type and the balance of the list in the Eagle and Serpent type.

Adhesives.

- 11 brown.
- 21 red.
- 31 orange.
- 51 green.
- 101 rose.
- 201 dark violet.
- 251 ultramarine.
- 301 gray green.
- 401 blue black.
- 501 dark blue.
- 1d red.
- 2d gray brown.
- 3d gray brown.
- 5d gray violet.
- 10d red.
- 25d gray black.

ITALY.—Frank B. Eldredge submits used specimens of the surcharged Turin Commemorative stamps previously chronicled.

NETHERLANDS.—A companion letter card to the lower denominations has been received by Mr. Schachne.

Letter Card.

12½c blue on light gray; perf. 2.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke reports the 2p locomotive stamp surcharged with "Cordoba" value as noted last week.

Provisional Adhesive.

On Locomotive Stamp.

"Diez Centavos" on 2p brown.

SEYCHELLES.—Whitfield King & Co. report the following new values in the King George set.

Adhesives.

- 6c carmine.
- 12c sepia and green.
- 18c sage green.
- 30c violet and green.
- 45c brown and carmine.
- 75c yellow and violet.
- 1r 50c black and rose.
- 2r 25c mauve and green.

SIAM.—Mr. Schachne has shown us an entirely new surcharge on a card issued 13 years ago.

Provisional Post Card.

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- Cape of Good Hope Wood Blocks
- Cape, 1881 Wood Blocks
- Cape Wood Blocks, by M. P. Castle
- Cayman Ids. Stamps, by A. L. Adutt
- Corrientes, Postage Stamps of
- Crete, Postal Emissions of
- France, Postal Issues from 1900
- German Empire Private Locals
- Gt. Britain Stamps Used Abroad
- Guatemala 1871-94
- Hamburg
- Hawaii, 5c and 13c Re-Issues, 1853 type
- Hawaii, 1899 5c and 13c and Mss. 5c on 13c
- Jamaica, Among the Llandoveries
- Mauritius, 1848-59 Locally Eng. and Litho.
- Mauritius, 20th Century
- Morocco Foreign and Private Posts
- Natal—20th Century
- New Zealand—First Issue
- Niger Coast Protectorate
- Niue, Stamps of
- No. Borneo, Stamps of
- Nyassa
- Prussia—King Frederick William IV Issues.
- Samoa "Express" Issue
- Scandinavia, Local Stamps of
- Schleswig-Holstein, Postage Stamps of
- Seychelles—20th Century
- St. Helena, The Stamps of
- Sicily Retouches, Notes on
- Sicily, Stamps of
- Sierra Leone—Its Postal Issues
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- Switzerland, Revenue Stamps of
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- Trinidad, Stamps of, by Bacon
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Lot No.	U. S. POSTAGE.	Cat.
1	1847, 5c on cover, pen can., nice copy	—
2	1847, 10c, reprint	—
3	1851-50, 1c, type II, used	.60
4	1851-50, 1c, type II, dark blue, used, bright copy	.60
5	1851-50, 1c, type II, beautiful used strip of 3, bright color, very wide margins top and bottom	1.80
6	1851-50, 3c, on cover, blue can.	—
7	1851-50, 3c, beautiful used pair on c.	—
8	1857-60, 1c, type II, used	1.00
9	1861, 30c orange, fair	.75
10	1869, 1c unused, part corner gone	1.60
11	1869, 1c used, straight edge at right, light cancel	.85
12	1870-71, 2c unused, no gum, fine	1.50
13	1870-71, 2c unused, no gum, off cent.	1.50
14	1870-71, 24c purple, used fine	1.50
15	1870-71, 24c purple, off centre	1.50
16	1873, 15c off cent., str. edge at top, poor	1.00
17	1873, 30c greenish black, used good	.75
18	1879, 3c unused, with border showing top arrow	—
19	1879, 6c unused, no gum, poor	3.00
20	1888, 5c unused block of 4, off cent.	1.00
21	1890, 2c lake, unused, off cent., otherwise fine	.50
22	Columbian, 1c to 50c, 12 var., unused, fine	3.18
23	Columbian, \$1, unused, fine	3.00
24	Pan American, 6 var., complete, unused, no gum	.82
25	Louisiana, 1c to 10c, complete, unused nice lot	.80
26	Louisiana, 3c, unused block of 4	—
27	1902, 1c imperf., unused block of 24	2.88
28	2c Alaska-Yukon, imperf. unused block of 4	—
29	2c Lincoln, 2c Alaska, 2c Hudson, imperf. unused blocks of 4	.96
30	1908, 3c imperf. unused block of 4	.40
31	1908-09, 1c dark green, imperf. unused block of 4	—
32	1908-09, 1c, imperf. vertical pair, with line between on cover	—
33	1908-09, 1c imperf., precancelled St. Louis, on cover	—

34	1910, 2c new wmk., block of 4 unused, so-called laid paper, straight edge at left	15.00
35	Justice, 30c used, corner slightly damaged, otherwise good	2.50
36	Post Office, 3c, No. 548a, unused block of 4, off centre	.60
37	War, 1c, No. 582, unused, damaged	2.50
38	Off. Sealed, 1903, orange brown, vertical pair, imperf.	—
39	Eagle Carrier, used on cover with 3c, 1851	—
40	Set Newspaper stamps as sold by Government, no straight edges	1.00
41	Postage Due, 30c brn., unused, superb	3.00
42	Postage Due, 50c brn., unused, superb	3.00
UNITED STATES ENVELOPES.		
43	1853-55, 3c pale red on buff, die 2, used cut square	.75
44	1853-55, 3c on buff, used, entire, fine	2.00
45	1853-55, 10c green on buff, No. 1317, cut to shape, used	2.00
46	1853-55, 10c on buff, die 2, cut to shape, mounted, used	2.00
47	1857-61, 1c on buff, unused, cut sq.	1.00
48	1857-61, 1c on buff, No. 1328, used, entire, fine	—
49	1857-61, 1c blue "on buff", no period, No. 1320, pen cancel, torn close at right, design all there, cut sq.	5.00
50	1863-64, 2c black on orange, No. 1340, unused, entire	—
51	1863-64, 2c black on orange, No. 1340, used, entire, stamp creased	.50
52	1865, 3c brown on buff, No. 1364, cut to shape, used, slight tear	2.00
53	1870, Centennial, 3c red, 3c green, die A, used, cut square	1.15
54	1913, 2c on amber, reversed in making, stamp and return card on inside, used	—
55	1907-10, 1c wrapper, albino, entire, unused	—
56	War Env., 3c on blue, entire, unused	—
UNITED STATES REVENUES.		
57	3c Telegraph, imperf., fine	2.00
58	10c Bill of Lading, imperf.	.75
59	25c Ins.; 50c Surety Bond, both part perf.	1.00
60	50c Mortgage, part perforate	1.00
61	\$1 Probate of Will, fine	1.25
62	1.60 For. Exchange, beauty	2.00
63	\$3.50 Inland Ex.; 70c II issue, both fine	2.25
64	\$10 Charter Party, cent. to left, fine	1.00
65	\$10 Conveyance, cent. to left, fine	2.00
66	\$20 Conveyance, very fine	1.25
67	1c, 3c, 15c, 20c, 30c, II issue, good	2.55
68	Match and Medicine, 11 var., damg	5.75
69	1898, 1 1/4c Proprietary, 10 copies, printed or stamped cancellations	—
70	1898, 2 1/4c Proprietary, 10 copies, printed or stamped cancellations	—
71	1898, 2 1/4c Proprietary, printed cancellation, "H. E. B. & Co." part of surcharge missing	—
MISCELLANEOUS.		
72	100 1c precancels, well assorted	—
73	10 New York paid permits, No. 303, entire, with 2c stamps over	—
74	10 2c stamps on covers, Sherman III, part perf.	—
75	One pound common U.S., not soaked	—
76	Aviation Card, dated Los Angeles, Cal., carried by aeroplane to nearest office	—
77	Picture Card, like last, though with different postmark	—
78	McGreely's Express, Dyea-Skaguay, unused block of 4, no gum	—
79	Sheet of 3c, 5c, 10c and 25c "shin-plasters," issued in 1863, by the R. R. Higgins Oyster House, Boston, and drawn on the Maverick Bank. Great curiosity and rare in this form	—
80	5c New Orleans, on cover, fine	—
81	Confederate, 10c rose, on cov., superb	3.00
82	Confederate, 2c green, used, superb	3.00

FOREIGN.

83	Argentina, 1908, 12c yellow buff, No. 152, unused	1.25
84	Bruni, Nos. 13 to 20, surcharged "Specimen"	—
85	Canada, 1897, 1/2c and 5c Jubilee, unused, poor	.65
86	Canada, 1897, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c Jubilee, unused	1.03
87	Canada, 1897, \$2 Jubilee, used, off centre	1.50
88	Canada, 1897, \$2 Jubilee, used, creased	1.50
89	Canada, 2c, 3c, 6c, 8c, 10c Leaves, unused, nice lot	.92
90	Cayman Islands, 1d, No. 2, entire sheet of 120 stamps	12.00
91	Cuba, 1878, 25c, unused block of 10, centre vert. pair showing variety, no period after "Cuba"	—
92	Danish West Indies, 7c, No. 9, unused, beauty	.50
93	Ecuador, 1884-90, 13 diff. used revs.	.50
94	Finland, Sp on black, No. 7, used, fine	3.75
95	Gt. Britain, 1d black, 15 good copies	.60
96	Gt. Britain, 1sh, No. 42, used	.50
97	Gt. Britain, Nos. 50, 54, 63, used	.50
98	Gt. Britain, 6d, No. 61, used	.60
99	Gt. Britain, 6d, No. 62, used	.60
100	Gt. Britain, 4d, No. 69, used	.65
101	Gt. Britain, Nos. 84 and 85, used	.45
102	Gt. Britain, 1883, 2sh 6d, bluish paper, used	5.00
103	Gt. Britain, compound wrapper, 1/2d and 1d, King Edward, used	—
104	Gt. Britain, comp. wrapper, 1/2d and 1d King George, used	—
105	Grenada, 1883, 6d, block of 4, tete beche, unused	2.50
106	Guam, 2c block of 4 and single stamp, used on cover	—
107	Guam, 5c, block of 4, used on cov.	—
108	Guam, 10c on cover	—
109	Hawaii, 1882, 15c, unused, off cent.	2.50
110	Hawaii, 1883-1886, \$1 unused, off cent., otherwise fine	13.50
111	Hawaii, 6c green, used heavy cancellation, off centre	.60
112	Hawaii, cut sq. env., Nos. 201, 204, 205, unused; No. 202, used	.85
113	Hawaii, cut sq. env., No. 203, unused	1.00
114	Hanover, local envelopes, cut sq., unused, priced by Bright at	1.75
164	Victoria, 1864, 2sh blue on green, used, off centre	2.00
165	Victoria, 2d, No. 73, damaged; 1d, No. 110, used	.75
166	Victoria, 1867-78, 8d, No. 118, used	.85
167	Victoria, 1sh, No. 138, used, off centre, damaged	.85
168	Victoria, 1884-89, 6d gray blue, used, one straight edge	.60
169	Victoria, 1884-86, 6d ultramarine, used	.75
170	Victoria, No. 326, postally used, good	2.50
171	Victoria, No. 327, postally used, good	1.00
172	Victoria, No. 321, postally used, good	1.50
173	West Australia, "One Penny" on 3d, No. 69, used	.50
174	West Australia, 1/2d on 3d, No. 71, unused	.50
175	Wurtemberg, 1869-73, 14k, used, good	.75
176	50 different reprints, Bergdorf-Hamburg, Heligoland, Lubeck, etc.	—
177	12 var. damaged Foreign space-fillers	2.15
178	5 sets No. Mutual Tel., 4 var. reprints, unused	—
179	Gt. Britain, 1/2d Army off., No. 376, 50 used copies	2.00
180	Gt. Britain, 1/2d Army off., No. 381, 50 used copies	1.50
181	China, 1898, 1c ochre, 100 used cop.	2.00
182	China, 1898, 2c scarlet, 100 used cop.	2.00
183	Canada, 2c No. 76, 100 used copies	1.00
184	Canada, 5c No. 78, 100 used copies	1.00
185	Canada, 1c King, No. 89, 100 used copies	1.00
186	Canada, 2c King, No. 10, 100 used copies	1.00
187	Austria, 1890, 15k, No. 57, 100 used copies	1.00
188	Austria, 1908, 1h Jubilee, 100 used copies	1.00
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My dear Mr. Cormack:

I have been unusually busy or should have written sooner regarding the "Great Golconda." It is certainly a wonderful packet, the best I ever saw for the money. Any collector can afford to buy it, take out what stamps he wants for his own collection and sell the balance. He can get more money for the remainder than he paid for the entire packet.

The stamps were clean postally used specimens, no Seebecks, and a large proportion of 20th Century. My packet contained 1003 stamps, 703 varieties and catalogued \$79.80. It did not contain stamps from the less desirable countries. None from Argentina, Brazil or Colombia. On the contrary the desirable countries were largely represented. Of Nicaragua 103 varieties, quite a respectable collection. From Paraguay, 93, Ecuador, 85, cataloging high—Salvador, 61, Uruguay, Chile and Peru 53 each. These countries were the most largely represented.

I have a collection of about 5,000 varieties, and I have specialized in S. and C. A. for several years, but I obtained from this packet 142 stamps that I did not have, cataloging \$24.62, and I have nearly 850 stamps left to sell or exchange. I consider that I did very well indeed. I have bought a great many stamps, in packets and otherwise, but consider the "Great Golconda" the best I ever bought.

I hope you will sell a great many of the "Great Golconda" packets. They are certainly deserving of a big sale. With best wishes, I remain,

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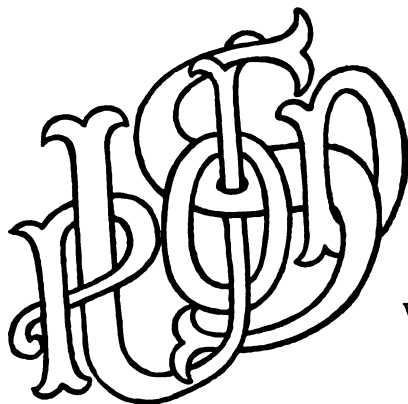
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The 5c Garfield.

The EIGHTH issue, 1879 to 1883 presented the same series of designs as formerly, but were on paper watermarked with No. 2 and the addition of a five-pointed star scattered at intervals over the sheet. This is known as watermark No. 5. It was during this issue that the 5c Taylor in blue was

superceded by the 5c Garfield in brown. It also presented 15 and 30c values, which were not included in the seventh issue, printed from the Plimpton dies of 1874.

In 1882 the paper was again changed for that bearing the former monogram No. 2 and the additional numerals 82 in place of the star, forming the watermark known as No. 6.



WMK. No. 6.

WMK. No. 5 similar having star in place of "82."

Letter Rate Reduced.

The NINTH issue, from October, 1883, to October 1886, still printed by Plimpton & Morgan, started in to make things interesting for collectors by presenting a series of dies and re-touches in the first year of its existence that has only been surpassed in the now obsolete issue of 1893. To begin with, a new die for the two cent value was engraved, for the single letter rate had just been reduced from three cents to two cents, and the old Plimpton two cent die, first printed in brown and then in red,

had seen long usage and was much worn.

The new die showed a much taller oval than had been previously used, bore a profile bust of Washington facing to the left, and had the numerals of value at the sides in small slim ovals. It was printed in red on paper watermarked with No. 6 and sometimes with No. 5 in error, some of these latter being of considerable scarcity, notably Size 1 on white, Size 2 on amber, Size 3 on fawn, Size 4½ on white, Size 7 on fawn, and the wrapper.

(To be continued.)

TASMANIAN UNLISTED AND NON-EXISTENT VARIETIES.

By REV. H. T. HULL.

The Commonwealth stamp having arrived, and the distinctive series of the six Australian States being now practically obsolete, renders it possible to make a complete list of all known varieties of these latter stamps.

Notwithstanding the admirable character of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue, probably the standard work for most Australian philatelists, it has the defect of certain errors, omissions, and peculiar inconsistencies. These might be remedied, as far as Australia is concerned, and also the listing and pricing of non-existent varieties, if the publishers would deign to take notice of suggestions that our oldest and worthiest philatelists might perhaps be persuaded to make at this juncture.

Without claiming to belong to that class, I venture to set the ball rolling with the following criticism of the section of the catalogue relating to Tasmania:—

No. 16, 1d brick red, imperf., and No. 41, the same pin-perf., are listed correctly, but the one rouletted about 8, is omitted, and should appear as No. 32a, 1d brick red, roulet.

The 1d, 3d, and 9d of the issue of 1871-9 are listed imperforate; why not also the ½d and 1d of the issue 1880-9? These should appear as No. 158a, ½d orange, imperf., and 158b, 1d dull rosine, imperf.

The 9d of 1896 is well known in a distinct indigo colour, and should be listed at 109a, 9d indigo.

MATCH AND MEDICINE
16 good lots in Wolsieffer's 130th sale July 19th next.

The two very distinct shades (lake and rose-red) of the Pictorial 6d, Nos. 228 and 244, have as much right of recognition as the shades of the 2d and 4d, and should appear under both perforations as 228a and 244a, 6d rose-red.

The 1d Pictorial, wmk. Crown A sideways, perf. 11, is listed as No. 266, but the same, perf. 12½, is omitted, and should appear as 266a, and the 2d, Nos. 223 and 239, with wmk. sideways, should be listed for the sake of consistency.

The 1d exists imperforate, and should be placed as 266b.

No. 271 is also found with horizontal wmk., and should appear as 272a, 4d pale buff, wmk. sideways. (Or all these varieties of position of watermark should disappear altogether.) On the other hand, No. 260a, ½d, perf. 11x12, and No. 264, 6d, perf. 11x12, should be omitted as non-existent varieties.

Since the publication of the last catalogue, the following varieties have been issued, and complete the distinctively Tasmanian stamps:—

274, 4d ochre, perf. 12½x11.

275, 6d rose-red, perf. 12½x11.

1912.

276, 1d on 2d bright violet, perf. 12½, 11, 12½x11.

Printed on thin paper.

1912-13.

277, 1d rose-red, perf. 12½, 11.

278, 3d dull brown, perf. 12½ (1912).

There may be many other points which will suggest themselves to authorities on the stamps of Tasmania; the above arise out of my limited experience.—*Australian Philatelist.*

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*Peru 1902, 2c green, No. 164, Large, handsome....		.30	.10
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2 1p carmine..... .04 .08

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3 ½p green..... .08 .12

4 1p carmine..... .10 .12

5 2½p bright blue..... .25 .40

6 6p brown..... 1.10 1.75

7 1sh orange..... 2.25 3.00

1905-6, KING EDWARD, CA Multiple

8 ½p green..... .08 .08

9 1p carmine..... .45 .60

10 2½p bright blue..... .20 .30

11 6p brown..... .70 1.20

12 1sh orange..... 1.20 1.75

1907, KING EDWARD, CA Multiple

13 4p brown and blue..... 1.20 ..

14 6p olive and rose..... 1.00 ..

15 1sh violet and green..... 1.25 ..

16 5sh salmon and green..... 5.25 ..

1907-8

17 ½p on 1p carmine..... 1.25 ..

4800 issued; is worth \$2.00 net.

18 ½p on 5sh salmon and green..... 4.00 ..

2280 issued.

19 1p on 5sh salmon and green..... 6.25 7.00

1800 issued.

20 2½p on 4p brown and blue..... 21.00 ..

240 issued; is worth \$41.00 net.

1907-9, CA Multiple, Unsourced Paper

21 ½p green..... .04 .04

22 1p carmine..... .04 .04

23 2½p ultramarine..... .08 .08

Chalk Surfaced Paper

24 3p purple on yellow..... .08 .10

25 4p black and red on yellow..... 2.60 ..

26 6p dull and bright purple..... .20 ..

27 5sh green and red on yellow..... 1.50 ..

27a 1p on 4p black & red on yellow 30.00 ..

180 issued; is worth \$55.00 net. Many were used fiscally. Was good for postage, and have seen several regularly used on original covers. Will be listed in Scott's 1913 catalog.

1908, CA Single on Surfaced Paper

28 1sh black on green..... 1.10 ..

29 1tsh green and red on green..... 3.00 ..

1908-9, CA Multiple

30 ½p brown..... .02 ..

31 ½p grey-brown..... .02 ..

1912, KING GEORGE

32 ½p..... .01 ..

33 ½p green..... .02 ..

34 1p..... .03 ..

35 2p grey..... .05 ..

36 4p..... .10 ..

37 6p..... .15 ..

38 2sh purple and blue on blue..... .60 ..

39 3sh green and violet..... .90 ..

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EDITORIAL.

Was it Really Issued?—A reader has brought the subject of the 1908 part perforated 12, in coil, three cent purple, to our attention with a wish to know whether vertically and horizontally perforated pairs, respectively, that he has in his possession are necessarily not genuine. The *Philatelic Journal of America* quotes Mr. Luff as saying that he did not possess nor had he ever seen the three cent, 1908, part perforated either way with the regular governmental 12 perforation. It is granted that the stamp in question may be had, perforated 12½ horizontally, as a sort of private perforation or as Mr. Luff calls it "counterfeit perforations." In check lists of the part perforates, the three cent, 1908, perforated 12 vertically and horizontally, respectively, usually is listed with a note to the effect that the existence of the stamp is questioned and that copies have never been seen by the compilers. Altogether, it seems that the evidence is greatly against the authenticity of the three cent, 1908, with the governmental perforation 12, lengthwise or sideways but we wish to interpose a word to ask that judgment on the stamp be suspended temporarily. We cannot speak with authority at this moment on the character of these part perforates but we have been promised some information about them from Chicago and Washington. We may say in passing that when the 1908 part perforates in coils, four, five and ten cents were on sale in Chicago, a clerk who obligingly would sell strips to collectors of his acquaintance mentioned that some of the three cent denomination had been received on order but were not available for sale to collectors. This is hearsay evidence of no value in itself, we know, but it may fit in with data that we are hopeful of obtaining. We want to know whether the part perforates in question were governmentally issued.

ENTIRE U. S. ENVELOPES
See lots 232 to 254 of Wolsieffer's 130th sale July 19th.

SPECIALS FOR U. S. SPECIALISTS AT BARGAIN PRICES

U. S. 1847, 10c shifted die, fine used \$18.00
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Hospital Stamps—From Mr. J. Rausch, San Francisco, we have received a sheet of ten stamps of "The Wm. McKinley Memorial Hospital League," the labels showing a picture of the proposed hospital in red flanked with a picture of William McKinley in black. The stamps are sold in books of one hundred, we believe, and are bought by persons interested in the promotion of the charity, for use on the reverse side of their letters.

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Testimony—In the issue of the WEEKLY of June 14th, Mr. Edwin B. Hill told of his fruitless quest for the 10c brown, postage due, Monaco, 1909 issue, a stamp that is priced only nominally in the catalogues. Concerning this stamp, one of our authorities writes: "Only one printing of thirty thousand of the 10c, postage due, was issued or made in error in the colour of the current French stamp of the same value, in 1908. When these stamps were used up, the 10c, postage due, was issued again in its proper colour but in bright rose. The first printing of this stamp in 1905 was in rose red, a very different colour and this is quite as good a stamp as the 10c brown, as but one printing of 30,000 were made."

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Not In Nottingham—Mr. Cedric Bonnell of Nottingham, England, is kind enough to correct a mistake that was made in our issue of May 31st, in the following courteous words: "In your issue of May 31st, there occurs a rather curiously evolved mistake in the leaderette on the big 'British £1 Stamps' police case, the prosecutor not being 'of Nottingham,' as there stated. Bow street, where the charge was heard, is, of course, one of London's most famous police courts; and the other place names indicated are all of them Metropolitan and non-Nottinghamese. The fact that the case was given such prominence and display in the *Nottingham Evening News* may probably have led you to make the little error. London not being specifically mentioned in the report." In the interests of accuracy, we rectify the error, for the making of which we must blame ourselves and not the compositor this time.

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Gone But Not Forgotten—We are much surprised at the volume of inquiry and the insistence of the protests concerning the absence of Count De-Booz and his cronies from our columns. One reader says that he will discontinue his subscription if the distinguished gentlemen do not make their reappearance soon but as another more or less esteemed reader says that he will discontinue his if they do, the balance is maintained. A watchful reader writes: "A correspondent says that Count De-Booz died in Mexico of a disease to be known henceforth as 'lapsus verae.' This is cruel and unusual punishment; and you know better. Run down your 'verum.' All right, *lapsus veri*. Let all inquiring readers understand that exercising their prerogatives of genius, the motley crew aforesaid, refusing to accept the trammels of conventionality, have silently stolen away; and we do not know where they are."

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The Coming Convention—Members of the American Philatelic Society have received the blank ballots and proxy forms for use at the annual meeting of our national philatelic body. According to the call of President Cornwall, the meeting "will be convened at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, on Tuesday, August 19th, 1918, at ten o'clock A. M., and upon succeeding days until all business

shall have been disposed of. The convention headquarters and place of meeting will be at Hotel Commodore, Put-in-Bay, Ohio." The only nominations for office that have been made are those of Chicago Branch One and it is not likely that there will be any opposition to this ticket headed by General C. A. Coolidge. The committees on credentials and arrangements have been appointed and assurances are not lacking that there will be a large attendance at the convention; and it is promised that the social diversions of the convention will be of distinctive and enjoyable character.

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The Weather Did It—A reader the wheels of whose mental machinery developed hot boxes writes from the retreat where he is cooling off, as follows: "I have read your valuable paper since, etc. Several times during, etc. This is it:—A man takes a letter weighing exactly one ounce to the P. O.; the clerk weighs the letter and it gets by. A stamp is then affixed and heavily canceled, making the letter overweight. Is the receiver liable for postage due when the letter is delivered? And if so, can he recover from the sender? You see, the sender might have used a stamped envelope and so saved the extra expense to the receiver. The excess postage amounts to charging postage on the stamp that pays postage. Is that right? What if two cents weighed an ounce each! It would take a four cent stamp for every letter mailed. Even if I as receiver am legally liable, am I morally responsible? I don't think so myself. Tu Tin Lung, Ward XIII, Second Floor. (Top floor vacant)." (1) Yes and no. (2) No and yes. (3) Apply at night before retiring.

THE KALAMAZOO STAMP CLUB.

A stamp club has been formed in Kalamazoo, Mich., with Judge George P. Hopkins temporary president and Dr. A. W. Bruce, temporary secretary. The society will meet every first and third Tuesday in each month.

The Kalamazoo society will become affiliated with the American Philatelic society in the fall. Members of the society who are not now members of the A. P. S. are requested to turn in their applications to Secretary Bruce at once for national membership.

Plans are now being made by the Kazoo society to secure all of the stamps which come in the old packages at the paper mills. These will be used by the members and the duplicates will be exchanged.

Charter members of the Kalamazoo society are Judge George P. Hopkins, Dr. Arthur Bruce, Dr. Edward Bernstein, Charles H. Garrett, Frank Barnes, Dr. Tompkins, Gordan Herring, George Longwell, Bates Clark, Clinton L. Chalfant. Several new members will be enrolled at the next meeting which will be held in the offices of Dr. Bruce.

A. P. S. PROXIES.

The editor of the WEEKLY, Mr. Severn, will attend the convention of the A. P. S. at Put-in-Bay and will be pleased to be the bearer of any proxies submitted. Any instructions upon proposed legislation may be entered upon the reverse side of the proxy.

The managing editor will not attend. It is his intention to be in Cleveland the week of Sept. 1 and he is unable to be away from the office long enough to cover both of the events that are in hand.

\$2.00 AND \$30.00 STATE

See lots 181 and 182 of Wolsieffer's 130th sale July 19th.

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3d CA, No. 22	.17	4d CAC, No. 40	.06
6d CA, " 23	.23	2½d CAC, " 42	.17
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40	2 on 15..... .20 .06
41	4 on 30..... .35 .14
42	4 on 40..... .50 .22
43-44	1 or 2 on 25..... .06 each .03
45	4 on 25..... .10 .05
46-47	1 or 2 on 5..... .08 each .04
48	4 on 5..... .10 .04
49-50	1 or 2 on 5..... .05 .02
51	4 on 25..... .08 .04

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" " " 10c "	10 2.50
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Ceylon 1r 50, No. 162, for only.....	.75
" 2r 25, No. 163 " " " " " " " "	1.50
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Austria 1908, 1h to 5k " " " " " "	.18
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1898, 1c to 50k " " " " " "	.12
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25c ".....	.60
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Present Set to be Discontinued but
Balance on Hand to be Used.

Following closely upon the announcement that a new set of parcel post stamps was to be issued comes the statement that the use of all parcel post stamps is to be discontinued.

Postmaster General Burleson June 26 signed an order making the distinctive parcel post stamps valid for postage on all classes of mail on and after July 1, 1913.

By the same order the ordinary postage stamps, including commemorative issues, are made valid for postage, and for insurance and collect-on-delivery fees on fourth-class mail.

The regular issues of due stamps and distinctive parcel post due stamps will be valid for the payment of short-paid postage on all classes of mail matter. When the stock of parcel post stamps and parcel post due stamps on hand is exhausted, no additional supply will be printed.

The distinctive parcel post stamp has proved exceedingly annoying to the public, resulting in much confusion, as this particular issue of stamps could only be used on the one class of mail matter. This special stamp was intended only for the purpose of determining accurately the extent of the revenue derived from this particular class of mail. As sufficient information has been obtained on that point, Postmaster General Burleson believes that the public should be relieved of any further confusion that might be caused by the restricted use of these special stamps.

PRESENTATION TO MR. DOEBLIN.

By J. C. MILLER.

On Tuesday June 17th, the Twin City Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh celebrated their 25th anniversary by holding a banquet. This affair was attended by about 25 members and a few guests. The banquet was one of the best if not the best ever held by the T. C. P. S. The Secretary presented each person present with the Souvenir Stamp of the Society the 5c of 1888. The affair of the evening was the presentation of a silver loving cup to the toastmaster and only charter member, Eugene Doebelin. The presentation address was made by Adam Daum who certainly did justice to the occasion. Mr. Doebelin was taken by surprise and for several minutes was unable to speak but after several minutes he gained control of his feelings enough to arise and make the statement, "I can't say anything; I thank you" and sat down again. After the applause had died down he called the waiters and had the cup filled with wine and passed the cup from one person to another around the board in the good old German style. This cup was presented by the members in honor of Mr. Doebelin's 70th birthday which he celebrated last September as well as the birthday of the T. C. P. S.

MR. CORMACK'S "GOLCONDA."

Four weeks ago Mr. Cormack, the well-known Port Ewen dealer, advertised a packet of great merit and the responses to this advertisement were very gratifying. In a letter just at hand he expresses his appreciation of the WEEKLY as an advertising medium. In fact, he shows this appreciation in a very tangible manner by enclosing copy for the new advertisement on page 3 this week, and this advertisement we submit for the consideration of our readers.

There is probably no dealer in the country who can furnish the great variety of Central and South American stamps that Mr. Cormack is able to, and the wonderful variety advertised in the amplified "Golconda" will surely attract attention. Ordinarily we have a hesitancy in endorsing packets, but this particular one we can give an unqualified word of approval.

U. S. DEPARTMENTS

65 lots of these popular stamps in Wolsieffer's 130th sale July 10th.

COLOR STANDARDS AND NOMENCLATURE.

By A. N. CAUDELL.

Attention of philatelists should be called to a most important work recently published on colors. This is the "Color Standards and Nomenclature" by Robert Ridgway, of the U. S. National Museum. This book is fully reviewed in "Science" for June 27, 1913. It contains many plates in which 1,115 different colors and shades are shown, every one of which is named. Schemes for intermediate shade designation are given, making the total of named shades and colors possible of determination and designation the goodly number of 4,460. The author of this monumental work is an ornithologist of note and the work is intended primarily for use in Zoology but it may well be applied in Philately or any other field in which color and color nomenclature is a feature.

SO. AUSTRALIAN 1895, 1d GREEN.

A correspondent asks us how to tell the difference between the South Australian 1d green stamp of 1895 and the one catalogued in Gibbons under date 1897 as "re-drawn, lettering slightly thicker." In Scott's catalogue we find the following note regarding the latter variety: "We regard the so-called re-engraved 1d stamps with thicker lettering (said to have been issued in 1897) as being merely impressions from a new or cleaned plate." The latter statement of the case is substantially accurate, for there is no real difference between the two stamps. There was certainly no re-engraving or re-drawing of the die. A new plate, numbered "2" in the margins, was brought into use in 1897 and the Gibbons' re-drawn stamps are simply early impressions from this new plate. Later impressions cannot be distinguished from those of plate 1 (used for the 1895 and earlier printings). The variety is, therefore, of no philatelic importance whatsoever.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

EXHIBITION

Clients have instructed us to pick up our corporate skirts and hustle about a bit. We hustle herewith. We want U. S. stamps as follows:

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everything from 4 to 40 of every U. S. stamp from 1847 to the end of 1879.

Plate No. Strips

Practically anything up to the end of 1873. Bottoms preferred. Kindly submit.

Used On Covers

Anything 1847 to 1870.

Used Off the Covers

1847 pairs or larger. 1851 all even fine singles, especially the 1c blue with design uncut on any side. 1855 the one Cent fine copies, especially with red cancellation.

CARRIERS

These, on covers, we are heavy buyers of. Especially wanted are Honour's of Charlestown. No limit to the demand only we must have "New York Standard" viz.: Very fine condition. New Yorks, on or off covers are much sought after just now.

Dues, Departments, Newspapers

We have no use at all for these and no offers are solicited at this time.

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Used or unused. Pairs, strips and blocks badly wanted, Blocks of 1861 1c Blue also, and also any really fine unused blocks of any issue.

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Above numbers are from Scott's 1912 Catalog.

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Superlative value. Buy these and get real value. 1,000 finely mixed or 100 var. best quality 15c. Belgium Nos. 53-55 unused 9c, post. extra. App. for ref. 1st request gets 50 var. free. B. P. ALLEN, Little Neck, N. Y. [tf*]

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\$500.00 U. S. REVENUE See lot 277 of Wolsieffer's 130th sale July 19th next.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays. Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., June 21, 1913.

The 294th (regular) meeting was held at the club room this evening, with Pres. Nevin in the Chair and 27 members and friends present.

The following was presented:—
Library Report for June, 1913.

There has been received since the last report by purchase:—"Stamps for Beginners" by Armstrong and Dalwitz; by donation:—"Morgenthau's 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63 Sales and Linn's Philatelic Handbooks, Nos. 1 and 2, by Goodwin, from New England Stamp Co.; 97 odd numbers magazines, 19 unpriced auction catalogs and 22 price lists from A. W. Dunning; Bartel's Catalog U. S. Envelopes, 1897, copy of Philatelic World, Apr. 15, 1903, 1 unpriced auction catalog, folder "Table of U. S. Postal Statistics, 1774-1883," other miscellaneous papers and a collection of counterfeits which have been turned over to the proper committees, from H. F. King; and the current numbers of the following magazines generously contributed by the publishers:—Gibbons Monthly, Mekeel's Weekly, Stamp Journal, Postage Stamp, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s Circular, Philatelic Gazette, Roessler's Stamp News, Collectors' Journal, New England Stamp Monthly, British Guiana Philatelic Journal and New Yorker Briefmarken Journal.

The following applications were presented:—Messrs. Richard C. Story, Linville H. Wardwell, Alan N. Stein.

The following members were elected:—No. 578, B. A. Oppenheimer; No. 579, Charles Dane; No. 580, A. C. Needham; No. 581, Frank Clark Crosby; No. 582, H. E. Blanchard.

Mr. Carpenter exhibited a sample in silver-gilt of the medal to be awarded at the International Philatelic Exhibition in New York, and it was much admired.

A number of counterfeits for the collection were presented by A. W. Dunning.

Mr. Carpenter proposed the following amendment to the Constitution: That in Art. VII, Sec. 2, the word "five" be changed to "four."

The Supt. of Bourse suggested that members who had had sheets in the Bourse for over six months should ask to have them retired.

The entertainment was the exhibition of the 20th Century British Colonial collection belonging to Mr. Alex P. Brown. This collection has the 5 shilling stamps as its limit, but particular attention has been given to condition and it is safe to say that a finer lot of stamps as a whole has never been shown at one of our meetings, every copy being practically perfect and the collection being nearly complete. It was, indeed, a treat for all who examined it.

The meeting adjourned at 9.15 p. m. C. A. HOWES, Sec.

GT. BRITAIN AND COLONIES 207 lots in Wolsieffer's 130th sale July 10th next.

NEW SHADE IN 10c PANAMA-PACIFIC.

We announced June 7 that a new 10c was to be issued. The following clipping will be of interest:—

Collectors have continually thought that with the four stamps issued early this year the set would be complete, but recently a new surprise has been sprung on us. Frequent regrets have been expressed over the fact that the design of the 10c stamp, which is so beautifully engraved, made such a poor showing on account of the unfortunate yellow in which it was printed.

For this reason Postmaster General Burleson recently affixed his official approval to a change in the color of this stamp, and it is now being printed in orange, the exact ink used on current "gold back" U. S. currency. This being an intentional official change removes it from the classification as a possible shade and compels us to recognize it as a distinct addition of another stamp to the series, calling for a space in every printed album.

There are still something like half a million of the yellow stamps in the Bureau vaults which will be issued before the orange stamps are placed on sale. Of course the same plates will be continued; the sheet seen by the writer was printed from No. 6143.—*Philatelic Gazette.*

OUR REVIEW.

Cape of Good Hope.—By F. J. Melville. Like all the other books of the Melville series, this booklet on the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope is beautifully printed and illustrated. We shall not undertake to review the text, as the readers of our paper interested in this country will want copies of the book and can see for themselves its merits. Orders for the book may be filed with the WEEKLY and the same will be filled immediately upon receipt of a supply.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—P. M. Wolsieffer heedless of the summer season has billed an auction sale for July 19th, when he will dispose of the usual number of lots. The sale will include the fourth and last instalment of the W. R. Patterson stamps, and among them are many much above the average.

—Efforts are being made to have the Post Office Department recognize Baltimore's "Star Spangled Banner Centennial" by a set of postage stamps commemorating the event. A special committee has been appointed to present the petition to Postmaster General Burleson. Arrangements have already been perfected for a special cancellation to advertise the centennial, which will be held the week commencing Sept. 8, 1914.

—Be a booster. Theo. A. Kendall renewing his own subscription sends us in two trial subscriptions for six months each. This certainly is good boosting.

—John Paalow advises us that he has the 1c parcel post due with inverted watermark, from plate 6225.

—The International Stamp Co., DeGraff, Ohio, would like to know the present address of W. W. Wallace, formerly of San Francisco.

—Clippings have been received from J. C. Mullikin (2) and A. G. Lewis.

BOUND VOLUMES Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News

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Cape Wood Blocks, by M. P. Castle
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Corrientes, Postage Stamps of
Crete, Postal Emissions of
France, Postal Issues from 1900
German Empire Private Locals
Gt. Britain Stamps Used Abroad
Guatemala 1871-64
Hamburg
Hawaii, 6c and 13c Re-Issues, 1853 type
Hawaii, 1899 5c and 13c and Mss. 5c on 13c
Jamaica, Among the Llandovery
Mauritius, 1848-69 Locally Eng. and Litho.
Mauritius, 20th Century
Morocco Foreign and Private Posts
Natal.—20th Century
New Zealand.—First Issue
Niger Coast Protectorate
Niue, Stamps of
No. Borneo, Stamps of
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Seychelles.—20th Century
St. Helena, The Stamps of
Sicily Retouches, Notes on
Sicily, Stamps of
Sierra Leone—Its Postal Issues
Soudan's Postal Issues
Switzerland, Revenue Stamps of
Tobago, Stamps of
Trinidad, Stamps of, by Bacon
Uruguay, Diligencia Issues of
Uruguay, by C. A. Howes
U. S. Aeroplane Mail Cancellations
U. S. 1c of 1890-8, by Poole
U. S. Department Stamps
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U. S. Envelope Dies, 1853-1900
U. S. "Dr. K. & Co. I R" Surcharges
U. S. Envelopes 1903-11, by L. G. Barrett
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See lot 40 of Wolsieffer's Sale No. 130 of July 19th next.

THE CONDOMINIUM STAMPS OF THE NEW HEBRIDES.

By D. B. ARMSTRONG.

(Continued from page 211).

THE PERMANENT ISSUE.

As far back as October, 1909, a request had been forwarded by the Resident Commissioners to their respective Governments for a supply of permanent postage stamps with values in both English and French currency, a design for which was prepared by Mons. J. Giraud, of Port Vila.

The first intimation of the advent of this series was contained in the following paragraph, reproduced from the *Colonial Office Journal* of January, 1911.

"New Hebrides (Condominium), 1/2d, 1d, 1s, 2s and 5s stamps and 5c, 10c, 1, 2 and 5 francs have been dispatched, the former to the New Hebrides and the latter to Paris, whence they will be consigned as required to the islands, and where they will be on sale to the public at the Agence Comptable des Timbres-poste Coloniaux, 36, rue Vanau. The colours of both sets correspond as far as possible with the copper-plate colour scheme, but where they diverge in value different colours are given to the French stamps. These values will shortly be followed by 2d, 2 1/2d, 5d, 6d and 20, 25, 50 and 75 centimes. The colour decided upon for the 75 centimes is orange on white paper; 1 franc, red on blue paper; 2 francs, purple on white; and 5 francs, red on green paper."

The announcement gave rise to quite a sensation in philatelic circles and there was an immediate rush to obtain supplies of the French series, which was placed on sale in its entirety in Paris, on March 11th, 1911. The English series was, of course, unobtainable at that time, having been sent direct to the Islands.

The stamps of the French issue provide one of the most remarkable issues of postage stamps extant, for although issued by the French Colonial authorities in Paris, they are printed in London to the order of the Crown Agents for the Colonies upon paper having the well-known British Colonial watermark of Crown CA. They are thus veritable stamps of the "entente cordiale."

The following description of the very unconventional design of these permanent stamps is taken from the *Australian Stamp Journal*. "The design is as we described it last month, except that portion relating to the centre. This consists of a trophy made up of an idol and a number of island spears and other warlike implements. Below the trophy is a native shield on which is shown the denomination of the stamp. At both sides of the central design, leaning against coconut trees are tom-toms or native drums. Suspended over the top in the centre is an anchor, which gives the appearance to the idol as if he were hung on a 'spit.' The original design has been altered somewhat, but the main features of it have been adopted. The royal arms surmounted by a Crown separates the letters 'E. R.' on the left, and a 'facis' separates the letters 'R. F.' on the right. The design if weird is characteristic and reflects much credit on the designer."

The stamps of both series were printed in London by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., printers to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, from line-engraved plates upon thick white wove paper, watermarked multiple Crown CA and were perforated 14. The sheets contain 30 stamps each, ranged in ten rows of three, with a double row of narrow colour round the margins.

A supply of the British series to a total face-value of £12,000 reached Port Vila in April, 1910, but owing to a delay in checking the consignment the stamps were not issued until July 25th, the series with values in French currency having meanwhile been received and placed on sale on the 12th of the same month. This latter series included two denominations not mentioned in the original announcement, viz.:—30 and 40 centimes.

Summary.

1910. July 12th. Permanent issue. Eleven values. Design as above by Mons. J. Giraud. Inscribed "Nouvelles Hebrides" and values in French currency. Line-engraved and printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., in London in colours conforming to the Crown Agents' colour scheme on thick white wove paper watermarked Multiple Crown CA. Sheets of 30, ten rows of 3. Perf. 14.

5 centimes, light green.
10 centimes, carmine.
20 centimes, grey.
25 centimes, bright blue.
30 centimes, purple on yellow.
40 centimes, carmine on yellow.
50 centimes, olive-green.
75 centimes, orange.
1 franc, red on blue.
2 francs, purple.
5 francs, red on green.

1910. July 25th. Permanent issue. Nine values. Design as above by Mons. J. Giraud. Inscribed "New Hebrides" and values in English currency. Arms transposed. Line-engraved and printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. in London in colours conforming to the Crown Agents' colour scheme on thick white wove paper watermarked Multiple Crown CA. Sheets of 30, ten rows of 3. Perf. 14.

1/2d green.
1d carmine.
2d grey.
2 1/2d blue.
5d sage-green.
6d purple.
1s black on green.
2s purple.
5s red on green.

The New Hebrides were admitted to the membership of the Universal Postal Union, on March 1st, 1911.

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—Stamp Collectors Fortnightly.

KNICK-KNACKS.

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One of nature's noble gents has offered to pay Parnassus Penflip's fare to Put-in-Bay if only he will go. Thanks; but knowing Parnassus' patrician pride we do not think that he will accept money from a total stranger.

"Joke Ed. MEKEEL'S: Can you interpret all of these? Twopaler gets me. What part of Poland is 'Helipoland'? Wonder is 'Tomali' a hot one. 'Zeychees' is a la Paree. Above were (Permission of Funk & Wagnalls) clapt from a recent auction catalogue but please do not publish my name or I shall be cut off the list." Here is a selection from the printed list sent in by our correspondent: Helyaland, Smazuland, Buggedorf, Cinacoa, Twopaler, Smunam, Zeychees, Tomali, St. Pune, Great Comon, Helipoland, Montiuju, Mozumhym, Lorenzo, Maiger I., 87 stamps.

An advanced collector has twenty-one albums for his stamps. He needs an auto truck when he drops in on a neighbor in the evening to show his collection.

A friend abuses our confidence in him by sending the following: "A publisher of a stamp paper says that collectors are pirates because they will give him no quarter." We read this one years ago.

Good; we learn that a high-school graduate selected The Invention of the Postage Stamp, as the subject of his graduation day essay.

THE U. S. BLUE OFFICIAL SEAL PERFORATED AND ROULETTED.

In MEKEEL'S WEEKLY of recent date we note in F. G. Goodwin's notes that he has found a blue "Officially Sealed" U. S. part rouletted and part perforated and states that he has not been able to locate any more. Ross O'Shaughnessy the San Francisco dealer has an entire sheet of these blue seal stamps, rouletted vertically and perforated horizontally except the middle horizontal row which is rouletted, the sheet is watermarked "Rolliston Mills" and was found in a small post office in California. This should prove of interest to U. S. specialists.—*Collector's Monthly*.

U. S. 5c AND 10c 1847
There are 9 lots of them in Wolsieffer's Sale No. 130 of July 19th.

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HIS COINS.

By FRED MICHAEL.

He had just returned from China. He was not a stamp or a coin collector but like many other men, the strange coins passing through his hands attracted him. As his fancy directed he laid some aside and brought a handful home.

There is, of course, nothing of value among them for the Numismatist for the wily Chinese know their coins as they know their stamps, counterfeit them and print books in their own language about them. To us stamp collectors they are worth a few minutes' attention, for from them we can learn something of the Chinese currency and read something of the stirring events that have happened in the Flowery Kingdom during the past few years.

Let us turn to the oldest first. It is a Mexican dollar of 1871. Perhaps our idea that there is circulating in China a large quantity of very old coins is wrong. Here is another with two little Chinese characters on it. It is a mark of a bank showing that it has been tested and found to be of good silver, of correct weight and by these "Chop Marks" pronounced legal tender. Here is another. It has been through many banks. Each has put its stamp upon it till now its face is indecipherable.

Trade dollars are very plentiful over there. We find two amongst the handful together with a Japanese Yen liberally sprinkled with chop marks showing that they, too, have been tested and are as represented.

Next we have a Philippine peso. In 1903 Uncle Sam made it for the Philippines and said it was worth 50 cents. Silver went up till the bullion in it was worth \$54. The Chinese in the Philippines immediately began shipping pesos home to China and getting the 54 cents for them. In order to keep the Philippine coins in the islands our government immediately passed a law prohibiting their exportation. We not only find the peso but also the smaller silver and copper Philippine coins.

Hongkong is well represented both in silver and copper; there is a French piece made for Indo-China; several from India and Ceylon; three small ones from Deutsches Kiautschou and some Russians. It is not surprising to find an English penny among the lot. They are everywhere but how came this one from Jamaica and this from Sweden?

Of the Chinese cash there are but three. On one are the flags of the Chinese Republic. One Mace 44 Candreens, we read on a coin from Kirin Province with a fierce dragon in its center. One Mace 44 Candreens, we read on a modern coin from Foo-Kien with the Republic's flags in its center; and 20 Cash we read on another.

For us living many thousands of miles away, amidst vastly different surroundings, it is difficult to measure the forward march of the Chinese. This handful of coins brings us to a clearer realization that they are progressing and this copper coin on which we read in English "The Republic of China, 10 Cash" bears the promise of a modern national coinage system for the awakening people.

THE GREAT EXHIBITION.

Editor Scott in Metropolitan.

It is now eighteen weeks to the opening of the great Stamp Exhibition in the Engineers Building, 33 West 39th Street, near Fifth Avenue. The importance of this exhibition to the advancement of our science cannot be over estimated. Collectors, important personages from three continents, have signified their intention to be present, and large hotel space has been secured for their accommodation. The local attendance will amount to several thousands per day. It is very important to know how many out of town U. S. collectors expect to be present and we shall be pleased to publish from time to time the names of our friends from other states who expect to attend, stating the number comprised in their party. There will be a number of banquets, perhaps one every night, and it is very important for the management to know how many will have to be provided for. The Grand Banquet will be attended by from three hundred to five hundred, and will probably be held at the Hotel Astor or St. Regis. The Philatelic Society will probably entertain one night, the Deutscher Briefmarken-Sammler-Verein, New York, have also signified their intention to give a kommers, therefore it is very important for out of town collectors to let us know if they are coming. The second edition of the program is now ready for distribution, the first one consisting of ten thousand having been exhausted. The new pamphlet gives a list of all members up to date of compilation, together with the names of donors with amounts so far received by the treasurer. The Official Catalogue

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postman.

This is the insect sent by the scientific
gent who ate the piece of cheese in
care of the parcel postman.

This is the pet canary mailed by Little
Mary who ate the insect sent by the
scientific gent who ate the piece of
cheese in care of the parcel postman.

This is the little white rat, pink eyed,
quick and fat, who ate the pet canary
mailed by Little Mary which ate the in-
sect sent by the scientific gent which
ate the piece of cheese in care of the
parcel postman.

This is the big dog Pat which ate the
little white rat, pink eyed, quick and fat,
which ate the pet canary mailed by
Little Mary which ate the insect sent
by the scientific gent which ate the
piece of cheese in care of the parcel
postman.

This is the tiger, wild with rage, who
broke his way out of the circus cage
and ate the big dog Pat, which ate the
little white rat, pink-eyed, quick and fat,
which ate the pet canary mailed by
Little Mary, which ate the insect sent
by the scientific gent which ate the piece
of cheese in care of the parcel postman.

And feeling still unsatisfied, he said
to the postman: "Step inside!" And
the postman sighed, but at last he sum-
moned a manlier pride and affixing a
stamp, as required by the laws, he
mailed himself in the tiger's jaws.
"For it is my duty," the postman said,
"to go with my parcels, alive or dead."



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THE CATALOGUE QUESTION.

By KNOCKER.

The Scott Company recently gave it out that a new catalogue might be expected in the early fall. Good. It is getting to the point where a catalogue a month old is not much more reliable than a newspaper directory of that age.

Wouldn't this year of grace, philatelic and otherwise, be a good time to make a real revision of the good old book, and give us a catalogue for once that was a real reflection of market values. The Company state in the preface that they can supply most of the stamps in the book "at the prices given," the absurdity of which statement is demonstrated when they will sell you many things they have in stock at 50% less than the list.

I have nothing to say of the stamps listed at one dollar and up, for the very good reason that I own very few of them and know but little of their value; and the specialist who does know, may not depend on the catalogue but fixes his own value when he goes into the market to buy or sell. I believe 90% of the collectors who buy the catalogue and take it to bed with them as their philatelic Bible are chaps who own from 3,000 to 15,000 general varieties; and we are the ones who are keeping up the dealers and the philatelic papers. Take the WEEKLY of June 14,—there are 71 advertisements, barring the want ads. page and of this number only twelve offer stamps listing at over one dollar each. Are we the backbone of the game?

The catalogue prices on the stamps of this class—under one dollar—are a joke. The issue of the WEEKLY in question contains ads. of ten dealers who offer this class of stock at discounts ranging from 60 to 80 per cent. off catalogue. A New York dealer has an immense stock of the Latin-Americans, not only recent issues, but back for forty to fifty years which he is gladly selling at 75%. A dealer in the West offers anything in his stock at 60% off and judging by my own experience, he seems to have pretty much of everything in stock. I might go on indefinitely. I bought one of the Powell packets this winter, 2,000 varieties which catalogued nearly \$75, for ten dollars; I bought an Ohlman twentieth century 500 variety for \$1.98 which listed up to about \$30, and each of these packets contained stamps listing 60c and 75c.

Now isn't something wrong? I have a general collection of just over 5,000 varieties. It catalogues probably \$600. I know if I offered it to a dealer, he would give me \$50 and then would sell it himself for not over \$75. Or at auction it might bring me possibly \$80. It is about as cheerful as owning a trunkful of Confederate money about a week before the fall of Richmond.

I think the reform should begin at the bottom. I see no logical reason for making 1c the minimum price for a stamp. The current 1c U. S. is listed at a penny, and likewise the 1c of 1890. Now to a collector who began later than 1895, a cent is not exorbitant for the penny stamp of 1890, but why the absurdity of placing a penny value on the current stamp? The adoption of the half-cent minimum would help some. But barring the question of the minimum, go to the stamps listed at two cents each. There are thousands listed thus, which anyone can buy at wholesale for from 10c to 50c a hundred. The same of the stamps listed up to a nickel each. Above that, the variation from real market value is not so pronounced and about 60% average reduction would bring them down to normal.

There are issues after issues of the South American. Central American, and

Colonial groups, where the prices will be identical for used and unused specimens. Now will some one kindly tell me how in any human possibility, every stamp in a series of twelve to fifteen varieties would exist in numbers so nearly equal in used and mint condition that the same price would prevail? (Canceled to order or "by request."—Ed.)

The absurdity of the color designations has been pounded at enough by others. I can only echo their sentiments.

The locals have been taken out and put in a separate little volume. As few people collect these, well and good. But what is a local? The stamps issued by Aguinaldo are included in the little book while the Carlist stamps of Spain are retained in the main volume. And why exclude any listing, other than the illustrations, of the Spanish Impuesto de Guerra stamps, and then carry full descriptions, and price quotations for the newspaper tax stamps of Austria-Hungary and the various charity stamps of Europe? Why exclude Canton and carry Shanghai?

Then why not a few more explanatory notes? Of course no one asks for a library of handbooks in the catalogue, and it is growing awkwardly big as it is. Why not explain the difference in all the re-engravings that have been made?

There are a number of varieties in various countries, I think particularly of Argentine just now, that are decidedly confusing to the beginner, and some of the pictures in the catalogue are so poorly printed that they conceal more than they reveal.

Then explain the watermarks. The book publishes two pages of watermarks, in the back, all neatly numbered. How many of these numbers did you ever notice referred to in the body of the book? What are we non-experts going to do with the large and small crowns of England and the various freak circles and ovals and KR's of Austria-Hungary, by mere guesswork?

We are told that John N. Luff is the editor of the catalogue. Well, brother Luff, we have been taught to revere you as a sort of fetish of our hobby. Can't you give us a better and more nearly correct book, for once? And just one more suggestion. The Scott Company controls both our standard catalogue and our standard album. Why not let the editors of the two eat at the same table a little while and see if they cannot agree on an arrangement that will make the two books at least approximate uniformity.

STAMPS ISSUED IN COILS.

Of late there has appeared in the market a 3 cent 1908, double line watermark, perforated 12, as having been issued in coils, but it is evident that no such stamp has ever been issued. We are indebted to H. F. Colman for official information and quote as follows from a letter sent him by A. M. Dockery, Third Assistant Postmaster General. This letter should be effective in settling the matter in dispute:—

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1902	2c (Shield background) endwise perforated	32,000
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None of the 3c stamps of the 1908 series with double line watermark were issued in perforated coils."

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Justice of the Peace.

EDITORIAL.

Knell For Parcel Post Stamps—The following is the official order validating the interchangeable use of parcel post and ordinary postage stamps and also of the due stamps, parcel post and ordinary:

"1. On and after July 1, 1913, ordinary postage stamps, including commemorative issues, shall be valid for postage and for insurance and collection-delivery fees on fourth-class mail, and distinctive parcel post stamps shall be valid for all purposes for which ordinary stamps are valid. The regular issue of due stamps and distinctive parcel post due stamps shall be valid for the collection of unpaid and short-paid postage on all classes of mail.

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"2. Sections 8, 9, 38, 43, 62 and 66, Parcel Post Regulations, and Section 45 of those regulations as amended by Order No. 6857, March 28, 1913, are modified accordingly.

"3. The issuance of parcel post stamps and parcel post due stamps to postmasters shall be discontinued after the stocks now on hand in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing are exhausted, and no additional supply of these stamps shall be printed.

A. S. BURLISON,
Postmaster General."

Reflections—Now that the parcel post stamps so soon are to be done for, they well may wonder what they were begun for. It was understood that the distinctive stamps were issued as a convenience in keeping the accounts of the department. It was supposed that the volume of the parcel post business could be the more readily measured through the use of the separate stamps, but it may have been the intention to employ the parcel post issues only during the experimental stage of the post. As the system has proved so successful that its permanence is assured, it may be that the department finds that there is no reason to continue the issue of the parcel post stamps. That there has been some confusion in the mind of the public regarding the purposes of the two sets of stamps must be admitted and business men have claimed that it sometimes was a hardship to dispose of quantities of parcel post stamps when made in the form of remittances by customers.

Everybody Satisfied—The newspapers have given much attention to the order retiring the parcel post stamps and the administration's departure is generally commended on the proposition that "stamps is stamps." The parcel post stamps will be in high collecting favor because of the heavy advertising that they have received during their comparatively short postal career. While many of the parcel post stamps have been used yet we know that a large proportion of them has been destroyed and are lost to collectors. There are few large receivers of parcel post mail, comparatively speaking, and so widely spread have the stamps been that they are thinly distributed, after all. The parcel post stamps will be the lions of the hour for some time to come.

A Step Farther—Our inquiry into the case of the three cent, 1909, in coils, sideways or lengthwise, thus far has not been favorable to the standing of the stamps as genuine issues. We have been unable to secure a definite statement from the Chicago postoffice that some of the coils in question were received on special order and so, only the vague recollection that they were said to have been has no appreciable weight. A dealer who specialized in the part perforates, in selling his entire stock of the stamps said that he was skeptical of the authenticity of the three cent, 1909, part perforate, that it included;

and the buyer disposed of the stamps to a mail order house so that they would be eliminated from collecting consideration. Moreover, these stamps may have been those said to have been privately perforated and which did not truly gauge 12. Inquiries that have been made at several sources of authority may be productive by the time of our next number.

It Is Our Own—Some months ago, we described an old circular prepared about the year 1850, in admiring terms as not alone was the leaflet of engrossing interest as a dissertation on cancellations or "post office stamps" but as well, the circular was sent out from Ludlow, Mass., as a veritable precanceled specimen. The circular of Improved Post Office Stamps, with its illustrations of impressions that was the subject of extended remarks in the issue of the WEEKLY dated March 1st, 1913, was loaned to us by a reader in New Hampshire. Now, through the kindness of Mr. Fred Goshert, Warsaw, Indiana, we have come into possession of a copy of this same circular, which appeals so strongly to those who give attention to the cancellations of United States issues. We may add that the "post office stamps" referred to were not the adhesive stamps of our first love, but postmark and cancellation forms which were advertised for sale by an enterprising citizen of Ludlow, Mass., Mr. Charles M. Willard.

Out For Business—The postoffice department is advocating the use of permits and precanceled stamps instead of ordinary stamps in mailings of two thousand or more pieces. In a recent order to postmasters they are instructed to call to the attention of patrons who frequently mail large quantities of matter to the advisability of using the permit or precanceled system for mailings of not fewer than two thousand pieces. It is said: "If the patron does not desire to avail himself of the permit privilege, the postmaster should suggest to him the desirability of using precanceled stamps. Either of these methods of prepaying postage results in saving time and expense both to the postal service and the mailer, and postmasters should bring them to the attention of such patrons of their post offices as could use them advantageously."

Now In Effect—We give the section of the Parcel Post Regulations covering insurance of parcels and effective July 1st: "A mailable parcel on which the postage is fully prepaid may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to its actual value but not to exceed \$25, on payment of a fee of five cents, and in an amount equivalent to its actual value in excess of \$25, but not to exceed \$50, on payment of a fee of ten cents in stamps, such stamps to be affixed. The amount of the insurance fee shall be placed on the receipt given the sender and on the coupon retained at the mailing office."

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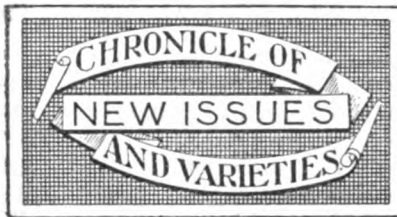
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding pre-cancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

ARGENTINE.—Whitfield King & Co. report another high value in the current series, on paper watermarked honeycomb.

Adhesive.

20p blue and claret.

AUSTRALIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report the issue of the £2 value in the Kangaroo set.

Adhesive.

£2 lake and black.

AUSTRIA.—Offices in Turkey.—E. W. Hendrick shows us a piece of a cover franked with two 5c stamps of Austrian Crete and a 1pi stamp of Austrian Turkey, and postmarked "Jerusalem."

FRENCH GUINEA.—Another set in the French West Africa series has now appeared, "Guinee" being the Colony the latest to be thus honored. The new stamps are of large size, like the Mauritanie stamps chronicled some time since, though these are upright oblong instead of horizontal. All values are bicolored, and bear the names of De la Neziere, the artist, and J. Puyplat, the engraver. The design of the frame shows two native carved idols, at either side, with the value in a large circle at the top, "Guinee" in a straight tablet over the central picture, and "Afrique Occidentale—Francaise" in a larger tablet below the picture. The central picture shows a high mountain and palm trees in the background, with native bearers fording a river in the foreground with their packs on their heads. Though the engraving is very fine and small, the appearance is much more picturesque than that on the Mauritanie stamps. The same designs are used for all values. The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the full set.

Adhesives.

- 1c purple and blue.
- 2c brown and purple brown.
- 4c gray and black.
- 5c yellow green and gray green.
- 10c orange and lake.
- 20c brown and purple.

- 25c ultramarine and blue.
- 30c violet brown and green.
- 35c blue and lake.
- 40c green and gray.
- 45c brown and orange.
- 50c ultramarine and black.
- 75c rose lake and ultramarine.
- 1fr purple and black.
- 2fr orange and brown.
- 5fr black and purple.

GREAT BRITAIN.—A new card is reported by Mr. Schachne, 1/2d green on white; period after "Post Card." A new letter card has also been issued, with 3 lines of instructions on reverse.

Post Card.

1/2d green on white, King George.

Letter Card.

1d carmine on cream, King George.

ITALY.—Mr. Schachne reports the receipt of two new entries.

Post Card.

5c green x 10 cent, red on dark gray; dated 13.

Letter Card.

15c gray blue on yellow.

MONTENEGRO.—Mr. Schachne reports the new post cards chronicled in No. 1170, and also the following new letter cards:

Letter Cards.

10pa carmine on buff.

20pa blue on gray.

PORTO RICO.—The Hendrick & Adams Stamp Co. has shown us the 2c U. S., surcharged "Porto Rico," the final "O" being broken at the top so as to form a perfect "U" though shorter than the other letters.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The last meeting of the season of the Rochester Philatelic Ass'n was held Wednesday evening, June 25. Despite the sultry weather quite a number showed up and an enjoyable evening was had. L. Lawrence Albright showed his collection of U. S. Revenues and much interest was kindled in miscellaneous items displayed by various members. The next meeting will be held the fourth Wednesday in September.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Hugo Kuenstler (5), Harry E. Klotzbach (4), Mrs. J. A. Bowen, M. S. Karlitsky, Geo. H. Sleeper, J. H. Chapman.

—A valued subscriber sends us the subscription of William Gallagher, 1805 Lincoln Av., N. E., Washington, D. C. He writes us that he is a boy of fifteen, crippled, and is able to get about only on crutches. He is a beginner in collecting and our subscriber writes:—"I would like to recommend him to charitable collectors who have any duplicates that they desire to dispose of." We trust this invitation will not go unheeded.

PHILIPPINE WATERMARKS.

By H. F. COLMAN.

All values of the current set of Philippine stamps have been issued on single line watermark paper with the exception of the 4 centavo. The 2 peso in change of color has been issued on both kinds of paper, but as far as I know no one has yet seen the 2 peso in the new color on double line watermark nor the 4 and 10 peso single line watermark. It is impossible for the Bureau to give the number issued, as their records show that the stamps were printed on both kinds of paper and marked "mixed". The double line watermark paper has now been used up and any further printings of Philippine stamps will be on single line watermark only. So many people write me in reference to this matter that this information should be published. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing replied as follows to questions submitted:—

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, in which you request to be furnished with the following information:

(1.) If the 4 centavo and the 4 and 10 peso Philippine stamps have been issued on single line watermark.

Ans. The 4 centavo has not been issued on paper with the single or new watermark, while the 4 and 10 peso have been so issued.

(2.) The 2 peso dark violet has appeared on single line watermark and it was reported that these stamps were also printed on double line watermark paper, but no one has been able to procure any to my knowledge.

Ans. The 2 peso dark violet has appeared on single line watermark paper. These stamps have also been printed on the double line, or large size watermark paper.

(3.) I would also like to know if a new printing was ordered for the Islands, whether the peso values will be printed on single or double line watermark paper.

Ans. If a new printing was ordered for these stamps they would be issued on the single, or small size watermark paper."

A. P. S. PROXIES.

The editor of the WEEKLY, Mr. Severn, will attend the convention of the A. P. S. at Put-in-Bay and will be pleased to be the bearer of any proxies submitted. Any instructions upon proposed legislation may be entered upon the reverse side of the proxy.

The managing editor will not attend. It is his intention to be in Cleveland the week of Sept. 1 and he is unable to be away from the office long enough to cover both of the events that are in hand.

Send for My Latest Price List of
Unused British Colonies
Twentieth Century Stamps
CHAS. S. OSGOOD, SALEM, MASS.

Send for Parker's Priced List
of Postage and Revenue stamps. [H]
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1908	2c carmine, block 4.....	.15
	Same, line between.....	.20
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	Same, line between.....	.35
	Same, imprint and plate No. (6).....	.60
	4c yellow brown, block 4.....	.35
	Same, line between.....	.45
	Same, imprint and plate No. (6).....	.75
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THE ILLS OF JIMMY O'.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

The streets of Willow ran yellow with mingled 'dobe and water. A late rain had fallen upon the unsuspecting earth, and for fully three days the sun had not shone,—an unusual thing for Arizona.

"Right here is where I begin to get some peevish," declared my friend, Jimmy O', as he looked out upon the lowering day. "Three days I can stand it, then I seek solitude, or I fight my best friends."

Now Jimmy O', be it known, had forsaken the way of the transgressor on pleasure bent, via the cow-boy route, and was hoarding his coin-of-the-realm to augment his "collection," donated—with the aid of \$87.50 of Jimmy O's cash—by his bosom friend, Johnny Williams, of the Gila country; all of which has been duly set forth "in a previous issue," as the magazines say. Jimmy O' was just returning from a fortnight's visit to Johnny, and had reached my shack when the skies opened. For three days Jimmy had soaked up rain and stampic information alternately. My "slicker" was at his service, but not for Jimmy—he preferred dampness and the "squash" of wet riding-boots. But Jimmy could cook, and he was "good company." I could endure a fortnight of him—almost—during a rain in Arizona.

My reveries were interrupted. The monologue had begun.

"Finest climate in the world," began Jimmy. "Great country, too, until they put water on it. Now we're ruined."

Jimmy looked as gloomy as the skies. He made it personal. For me, I failed to see wherein the ruin lay. Six or seven crops of alfalfa a year under irrigation looked good to me. Jimmy rambled on. I knew something worth while was sure to follow, especially when he began deftly with one hand to roll a cigarette.

"The greatest game of baseball I ever saw was on Grand Island, Niagara River, on the 3d or 5th of July, '89. There was a collection of stamps on third base, and every man who reached it had his pick free. I don't just remember who got first choice, but I managed to get a couple."

This was the point where I sat up suddenly. Jimmy was just 26: that settled him. Then I remembered. There were some old amateur papers in the tent-house, vintage of the '80's and '90's, and Jimmy had been absorbing them with a purpose. He rambled on: "Fine bunch o' sports. Friends o' mine, too. There was Sammy Stinson, who knocked always three-baggers; an' there was 'Willow,' who never agreed with 'Anti,' and them two delayed the game in-or-di-nate-ly. An' there was another friend o' mine there, too, who was some unfortunate. He never got to third base."

Be it known, *en parenthese*, that on that day of July, '89, both the managing editor of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY and the humble writer of these sketches played in a game of base ball at the place designated. It was a battle royal between the East and the West, members of the National Amateur Press Association. But there wasn't a stamp collection on third base,—only a keg of water. I shall never forget that, for I nearly died of thirst. I was the old friend Jimmy felt sorry for!

"It was a great convention," continued Jimmy. "I think I got these

two stamps yet." He fumbled amongst some letters inside his shirt, drew forth a tattered envelope, and extracted a fragment of an approval sheet, which he passed over to me.

If I sat up when Jimmy began his monologue, I sat up some more here and now, for what my eyes rested on were two copies of the six cents Proprietary, orange, in immaculate condition, as like as two perfect stamps could be.

"And I says to myself, last week," continued Jimmy, ungrammatically, "if the gods are good, and I survive, I'll give one o' these souvenirs to a friend o' mine who sure got less than he deserved at that game in '89."

Whereupon Jimmy held out his hand for the sheet, gazed at it intently, detached the copy which he deemed the preferable, and passed it back to me. The other he poked into his breast-works once more, and resumed his attention to another cigarette.

"One lovely day in April," he began after I had expressed my gratitude and thanks, "One lovely day in April, as I said before—and it didn't rain, either—Mr. James O', for short, went to see his friend Johnny W. for long—say a couple weeks."

I feared the absorption of recent magazine literature was corrupting Jimmy's "style," but he abruptly swung into his pace. I grew more interested.

"Gila is all right for about nine days. Then you wonder if you can stand it four more. The wonder gets on your nerves. Mine, that is, Johnny and I wore it out on the round-up, and then I began to wish I had an old catalogue along. I took to prowling around town. About four days after—it was the last day—I was there—I hit on a drug store, run by an old codger who'd brought his junk out from the East on a prairie schooner, and most of it was there yet,—vintage o' '66. My eye! It was funny! An' then I spotted a bottle with a stamp—one o' those Father-of-His-Country affairs. 'Never say die,' says I. 'While there's life there's hope. Jimmy O', you're on the verge of a great find. Go slow—but not too slow. Also, you may have to borrow money!'"

"Say, the symptoms I developed would stump a horse-doctor, let alone a human one. Why, I had everything from cholera infantum to the heaves! Honest! And that old Ananias aided and abetted me, b'jinks! It cost me \$11.60—he knocked off a dollar and two bits when I had that acute attack of 'balm-for-women' disease—according to the symptom book—and the stamps. I annexed the only two bottles he had."

Here Jimmy waved his cigarette hand at the phantom six-cents Proprietary. "It was real unlady-like of him, but I sure appreciated it—him making me think I had it bad," declared Jimmy, with his humorous grin. "And say! I found when I rode on to Johnny's, to say good bye, that nine o' them bottles had busted on me, an' my saddle-bags was sure some afloat. But I saved the stamps."

Then Jimmy proceeded to dig out more letters from which another sheet was finally extracted. And I gloated! A four cents vermilion D. S. Barnes,—a one cent black Brandreth, perforated,—a two cents black, P. H. Drake & Co.,—and a six cents orange, James Swaim,—were among the treasures. I figured Jimmy had acquired about \$700.00, catalogue value, for his \$11.60.

"An' now," said Jimmy, "as the sun begins to show symptoms, I reckon I'll saddle up and hustle along to Lazy Bar. You see, I fed those two bottles o' that woman's friend to a Pima buck who sure had a thirst. He thought it was a new brand o' firewater. I bet he got revenge on his squaw, somethin' fierce. Johnny told me they was a deputy sheriff lookin' for a young man on a roan horse. I fear that's my name. I tell you, son, you let women alone!"

With which advice, Jimmy rapidly effaced himself from the borderland of Willow.

OUR REVIEW.

We have received from Stanley Gibbons, Inc., 198 Broadway, N. Y., "A Check List of all British and British Colonial Stamps Issued during the Twentieth Century, January 1901 to July 1913." The list is accompanied with quotations showing the market values of all specimens. It is the 8th edition of this most popular book and the price is 25c. The book is uniform with previous issues and every collector of these stamps will feel the necessity of purchasing this List. There is a great deal of explanatory matter scattered through the book that makes it of marked value, while the specialist will delight in the attention given varieties of perforation, watermarking and surcharging.

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Receipts since last report; dues from applicant, 85 cents.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec. ARGUSVILLE, N. D., June 30, 1913.

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Hawaii, 1899 5c and 13c and Mss. 5c on 13c
Jamaica, Among the Llandoveries
Mauritius, 1848-59 Locally Eng. and Litho.
Mauritius, 20th Century
Morocco Foreign and Private Posts
Natal,—20th Century
New Zealand—First Issue
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Niue, Stamps of
No. Borneo, Stamps of
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U. S. Aeroplane Mail Cancellations
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U. S. 1908 Double Line Watermark
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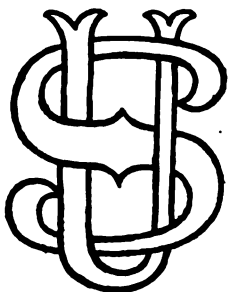
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a long curve beginning at queue and joining the curved lower line of bust over N of CENTS.

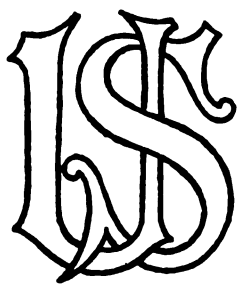
This die was printed on the same paper as the others, in a purplish brown, but some sizes are known in red and also in a rich lake, Size 2 on blue, Size 4½ on white and the wrapper coming in the former, while Size 2 on white, Size 4½ on white and amber, and Size 5 on white come in the latter shade. They are all quite scarce and add zest to the hunt in this series.

Dollar Sign Watermark.

The TENTH issue October, 1886 to 1887, is chiefly notable by introducing a new watermark, a large monogram U S, with the S crossing both stems of the U, like a dollar sign. It is known as No. 7. Also two new papers are



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WMK. No. 8.

used for the first time, namely, oriental buff and amber-manila. The same dies are used as in the eighth and ninth issues, namely: 1c blue; 2c brown, (Kellogg Dies A, B, and new Die A2,) 4c green; (Dies A and B) 5c brown (Garfield); 10c brown; 30c black and 90c carmine.

The Die A2 in the two cent value is recognized by a very large head, nearly filling the oval. It comes on two sizes, 3 and 4½, both on white paper, and 4½ on amber, and is quite scarce, as are also the Die B's with this watermark No. 7.

Two watermarks, commonly known as "penalty" watermarks from appearing on the official envelopes, are sometimes found used in error in this issue. One of these is composed of upright letters P O D linked together, the O being much larger than the other two letters. This is known as No. 9; while No. 10 is formed of the same letters larger and leaning to the right, but not linked together, the O overlaying the other two letters.

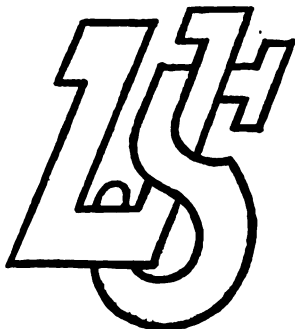
In the 1c value, Sizes 3, 6 and the wrapper, all on manila, come with watermark No. 9 as well as in the regular No. 7.

In the 2c, Size 2, amber-manila and the wrapper come with No. 9, while Size 7 manila comes with No. 10, besides the regular No. 7.

The only other value to show an error in watermark is the 30c where in Sizes 7 and 8 there are copies known with watermark No. 10 on manila and amber manila papers respectively. These however, are extremely scarce.

The 5c, 10c, 30c and 90c also all come with the watermark No. 6 on various sizes and papers, but are scarce in this form.

Letter Sheet.

WMK. 8A
FOR LETTER SHEET.

In August, 1886, was introduced a letter sheet of the denomination of 2 cents, printed in green and bearing portrait of Gen. Grant. The first printings were on unwatermarked paper, but by Aug. 1887 paper was in use with an angular form of watermark 8 which for convenience may be called watermark 8A. See illustration.

Numerals at Bottom.

With the ELEVENTH issue, from 1887 to 1889, we are reaching the first of the issues most familiar to younger collectors especially, while still providing so many changes in dies, watermarks, knives, etc., as to prove interesting fields for the more advanced collectors. Indeed if one were to confine his collecting to the issues from 1887 to 1903 only, he would have a respectable and interesting lot of more than 600 varieties. And nearly all of them are within the means of the aver-

age collector as well, many of them being picked up at but a slight advance over face.

New dies were engraved for the values 1, 2, 4 and 5c, while the old Plimpton dies were used again for the 30 and 90c values. A conspicuous feature of the design for the lower denominations was the change in position of the numeral of value from the sides of the oval to the bottom directly under the bust. The familiar serrated borderlines also were introduced in this issue, forming the outer frame lines for the inscriptions, and in addition to these features it should be noted that it is the first instance in which the inscription UNITED STATES POSTAGE appears in full.

Franklin's head appears on the 1c, Washington's on the 2c, Jackson's on the 4c and Grant's on the 5c, all facing to the left, and this disposition remained unchanged with the exception of the Columbian series, until 1889 when Lincoln's head was substituted for Jackson's on the 4c value.

The paper bore the previous watermark, No. 7, and the stamps were printed in the following colors: 1c blue; 2c formerly brown, in green; 4c formerly green, in carmine; 5c formerly brown, again in blue; 30c formerly black in brown; and the 90c formerly in carmine but now changed to purple. It will be noted that these color changes but reflected the changes made in the same values of the adhesive stamps of the same years. Some sizes of the 2c are found in error on paper with watermark No. 6.

There are four dies of the 2c value; the first, known as Die A, or the "Rejected die," is distinguished by the fact that the G of POSTAGE has no cross-bar, and that the front of bust points to the 3d tooth in the serrated inner frame line, whereas in the commoner Die B it points to the 2d tooth. So far as known Die A has only been found on Sizes 3, 4½ and 5 and is comparatively common on the white and amber papers of the first and last of these sizes. On the other colors it is extremely hard to find and commands fancy prices. Die C is known as the "Large Head," and has the bust decidedly larger than the others, while the top of head is more full and rounded. Like Die A it is a pretty hard stamp to find and is well worth looking for on Sizes 5 and 9.

A fourth die, quite distinct, and which should be known as Die D, has the front part of bust extremely blunt and

thicker than Die B. It is known on Size 13 only on all four colors and from the dates on postmarked copies was evidently an early form of this 2c design, the cancellations showing dates in Nov. and Dec. 1887. The watermark is also of the earlier monogram type, No. 7. This also, as Die C, is an extremely good thing to look out for, hard to describe but once seen cannot be mistaken. There are also numerous retouches of Die B in this series none of which are generally known.

A variety of the 1c die, known as the "Tiffany die," is found with the cross-bar of the G of POSTAGE missing as in the Die A of the 2c value.

High Values Discarded.

The TWELFTH issue from 1890 to 1894 was still printed from the dies of the preceding issue, but is distinguished from that series by a new watermark known as No. 8. This is still a monogram of the letters U S, but here the S only links with the second stem of the U whereas it will be remembered that in No. 7, it crossed both stems, like a dollar sign.

Die A of the 2c is not found with watermark No. 8, but Die C re-appears on Size 5 and as formerly, is extremely rare.

The two high values, with this issue, were discarded for good and all, but the old familiar 10c brown of the Plimpton issue was resurrected. It, however, is seldom found and may be regarded as an extreme rarity. Watermarks 6, 7, 9 and 10 may be also found used in error on some sizes of the 1, 2 and 4c values.

Columbian Series.

It was during this contract with the Plimpton and Morgan Co. that in 1893 another commemorative series, known as the THIRTEENTH issue, was made for the Columbian Exposition, held at Chicago in that year. New designs were engraved for the four values 1, 2, 5 and 10c and they were all printed on a creamy white paper with a special watermark, known as No. 11. This is a large affair and shows the profile busts of Liberty and Columbus, with the dates 1492 and 1892 respectively above and below the heads; the whole surrounded by the inscription "Liberty U S Columbus" and a buckled belt below.

Blue was retained for the color of the 1c, but the 2c was printed in a reddish lilac, the 5c in yellow brown and the 1c in a slate-brown. There are many shades of all these colors and the 5c is found printed in the color of the 10c as well.

These special dies showed a large circular design with the two hemispheres in outline, one bearing the embossed head of Columbus, and the other the head of Liberty. A spread eagle filled the space below the hemispheres and the dates 1492-1892 separated by a shield appeared above. The outer frame bore the inscription (for the first and only time) "United States of America" above, and the value in words below. No numerals of value were on this issue.

There are several die varieties to be noted in this issue as follows: Some show a meridian back of Columbus' head and others have it entirely lacking. As an accompanying feature the periods after the inscriptions may be missing or not, and the star-like orna-

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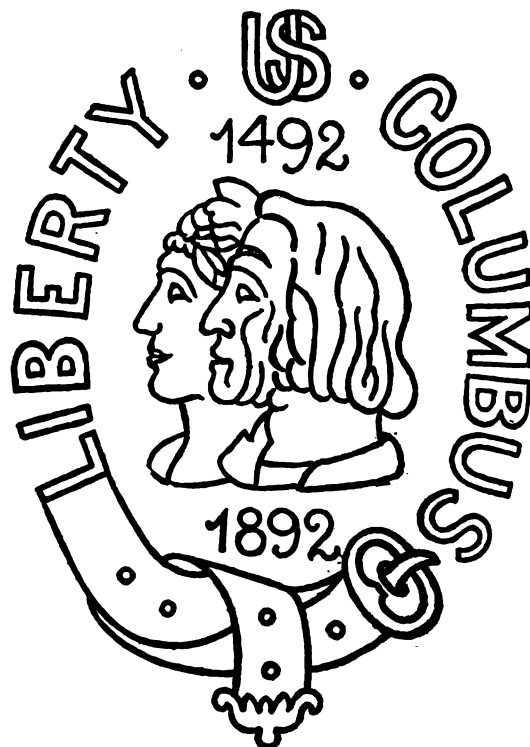
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ments at the sides may be either large or small, so that the combinations afforded by these differences are of considerable number. The wings of the eagle show great variations in their engraving, some varieties showing at the right a long end feather while others show two feathers of nearly equal length, giving the wing a blunted appearance. I have found also that whereas in the normal types there are five



WMK. No. 11.

meridians beneath the bust of Liberty, there are others where six are plainly cut, and again there are others with only two, near the back of the neck.

To my mind a still better variety and much harder to find is one where the right hand hemisphere is not tangent to the inner circular frame line, but is cut completely clear of it. Usually the point of tangency is under CA of AMERICA. This variety is found on the 2c value, but a similar one having the same peculiarity as regards the left hand hemisphere is found on the 1c value. Another plainly seen variety is discovered on the 2c where the second parallel north of the equator on the left hemisphere, ends in a broad spur outside the hemisphere and opposite the lower point of the shield.

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DISCURSIVE NOTES.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

Why does not some enterprising philatelist deal exclusively in damaged stamps? Every dealer has his box of crippled rarities which are generally retailed in packets or singly at a price greater or less than they are really worth, just to be clear of them. There is always a market for scarce and rare stamps, more or less damaged, and it is not the maligned "boy collector" who buys them, as a rule. If there were a philatelic clearing-house, where dealers could send such damaged rarities, or where they could be listed, the boon to dealer and collector would be great and good. I recall a Nova Scotia, No. 6, badly stained, offered at \$10.00 about three years ago by a prominent dealer. That was cheap to the man who wanted this particular stamp badly enough to pay the price. He probably could not afford five times the sum for a stamp in three times better condition. I must confess to a weakness for crippled rarities.

Is there any one interested in old philatelic albums? This "side-line" seems somewhat neglected. I recall my first real album, an abridged Oppen, back in '74. It has long passed beyond recall. I have never seen a Lallier, and only one or two of the earlier German. The possession of a cast-off Oppen, a disused Lallier, and some one or two of the earlier German, with a prehistoric American, would give pleasure to at least one jaded old-fashion collector. Has any one any of these discards?

A philatelic writer of more volume than interest has discovered that philately is lacking in writers of a humorous bent. The best reply to his statement is contained on p. 205, *Philadelphia Stamp News*, editorial notes, re B. W. H. Poole's criticism of philatelic journalism in America. The humor, while sublimely unconscious, is all the richer for it. The Dogberry's are not all dead!

Here is the private history of an invention that failed. It has its pathetic side, too, although that is for one alone to know. An old retired printer conceived the plan to roulette stamps, run-

ning them through a mailer which, at the same time, would affix them to an envelope. There were insuperable obstacles, however, which could not be overcome, and the plan, proving not feasible, the score of one's and two's which were experimentally rouletted, were all given to a friend. These have been presented a few correspondents. None were offered for sale, and no more are obtainable, as the apparatus has been destroyed.

Speaking of private perforations, any one can turn out new varieties. The equipment essential is a sharp knife, a punch, some imperforate stamps, and a little skill,—at least, that occurs to me as the material used by correspondents who have been sending me letters embellished on the envelope with new and startling variations in perforations. Of course, I am not a specialist in private perforations: I use the scissors for my imperforates!

A letter from a philatelic friend informs me that one reason why our so-called philatelic papers are of the "watch-us-grow" order is because the papers on the continent and in England get our financial support so freely. As I "take in" six foreign publications, the argument does not seem altogether fallacious.

It has remained for a Chicago contemporary to discover that abroad, especially in Germany, the postally-used stamp is in the ascendancy. For nearly forty years postally-used stamps have been my hobby. Present-day inspection of collections will largely show this old-time favoritism has passed into the "mint" fever, which will run its course, Germany is to be felicitated on clinging to her old ideals.

Why not a Philatelic Writers' Club? There is material enough and to spare. The aim would be purely social, the object a better and fuller knowledge of our subjects, through mutual helpfulness and kinship one with another. And who is better fitted for president than that incomparable student and writer C. A.

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EDITORIAL.

Hear—We have been advised that the McKinley Club of Canton, Ohio, has voiced a protest which the club hopes will grow in volume against the retirement of the portrait of McKinley on the postal card and the substitution of the picture of Jefferson. The resolution has been sent to the president, senators and representatives from Ohio and the postmaster-general. The McKinley Club named after Canton's famous son is alert to condemn any action that thoughtlessly taken, would eclipse the name of William McKinley and it proposes to arouse sentiment throughout the country, if necessary, to prevent the postal change.

Ward XIII, Second Floor—We thought that having spoken rather sharply to the gentleman who occupies this spacious apartment, several weeks ago, he would not care to establish communication with us again; but who is he to say that he can fathom the workings of the human mind. Anyway, he is out again. "Many thanks for your replies in No. 1175. They seem to clear up such a number of doubtful questions. The doctor here told me I wasn't mentally responsible but said the legal and moral aspects of the case were not in his line. That's the way with specialists. Your kindness prompts me to encroach on your val. time again to ask if you know of any serious collectors of inclusions. Last week, I received a letter from a young man in New York and on soaking off the stamp found under it a small fragment of what appeared to be Sumatra wrapper. Can any of your readers report on finding any other grades of tobacco, or is this something really new in philately? Philately, I assume, includes everything that comes under stamps. Would my specimen be of interest to someone who specializes in wrappers? I think I can secure a duplicate. Yours, Tu Tin Lungs. P. S. It seems to me that I once saw in a grocery store a check list of tobaccos

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Fiftieth Anniversary—The following letter has been received from Mr. E. O. Gerberding, Hueneme, California: "I read with much interest your article, 'First American Album,' in the issue of June 14th; and the account appealed strongly to me as I still have one of the albums in a good state of preservation. By this mail, I am forwarding the album to you for examination; please return it to me as I have had it in my possession now for nearly fifty years. I want to call your attention to the preface and also to the names then given to some of the stamp-issuing countries—it is all very quaint to collectors of the present day. While I am not positive still I am inclined to believe that other albums had been issued prior to this one of Appleton. I think that Kline issued one but I do not recall the date. As a general thing in those days, we would take a blank book, rule it off into squares and paste the stamps down solidly; sometimes we trimmed off the perforations and cut off the corners of the envelope stamps making them octagonal to gain a 'pretty effect.' The album that Mr. Gerberding has reason to treasure was presented to him, we infer, nearly fifty years ago; and it is a handsome volume of 208 pages bound in stamped brown leather, with gold trimmings. Several times in the past, we have described the merits of this pretentious album bearing the date 1863, which we now see in unimpaired condition for the first time and which we, in common with others who have made inquiries into the question, believe was the first real stamp album published in this country. There are many striking points of difference between this Appleton album and the stamp album of to-day; and as we have remarked heretofore, in the names of many of the countries in the old album, there is material for comparison. For instance, Swan River for Western Australia indeed takes one back into the past. In the index, we find the names of many unfamiliar German states; and Lichtenstein is included under the explanation, 'See Austria,' with the statement: 'Austrian stamps are valid in Lichtenstein.' The flags in color and maps were features of the album, which contained no stamp cuts but the descriptions of the designs were models of clear and concise text. The present year, 1913, is the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of the first stamp album in America, we believe.

Do You Remember Kline?—In the foregoing paragraph, Mr. Gerberding says that Kline issued an album before 1863, he thinks. About that time, A. C. Kline, "Dealer in American and foreign postage and despatch stamps, coins and medals and continental paper money," was in Philadelphia at 824 Walnut Street, where he did what perhaps was the largest stamp business of the day. While Mr. Kline was an enterprising dealer who issued many price-lists and circulars, yet we feel that we are safe in saying that he had not published a stamp album so early as 1863. Even Mr. Kline's Guide Manual did not an-

tedate 1863, we believe, although a short time after it had become well-known abroad as well as in America; it was esteemed in England particularly because of its extensive list of American local stamps and local stamps were in the heyday of their popularity then.

Smoke But Little Fire—We have been in the receipt of much theoretical information and a few facts regarding the three cent, 1908, in coil or perforated 12 only at sides. At the behest of a reader we are trying to marshal all the arguments, pro and contra, on the genuineness of the perforations so that the stamps may be dismissed flatly or accepted without reservations. Here, the confession must be made that our search has not been attended with glittering success; but at the same time it has not been wholly useless and it may be the means of solving the problem in short time to come. Our inquiries at Washington have yielded the same returns that others have had; the authorities will not deny that the three cent in coil may not have been issued nor on the contrary will they admit that they were. Placing our own construction on the attitude of the authorities at Washington, we think that they are more inclined to believe that the stamps were not sent out than that they were. Our Washington mentor says that in his opinion, it is just as reasonable to believe that coils of the three cent were issued as that they were not. We have gathered together an array of evidence but proof is elusive and our hope to irrevocably establish the standing of the stamps must be deferred. We have had confirmations of our recollection that a clerk at the Chicago postoffice had said that the three cent stamp in coil had been stocked on special order; and one collector goes so far as to say that the clerk even showed him the stamps under debate. However, we cannot discover a collector who will affirm that he bought the stamps at the Chicago office. This we may say though. Several of the authorities on part perforates who some time ago were skeptical of the existence of the stamps genuinely part perforated are now reporting upon the stamp favorably. The assumption is that the stamps successfully meet the expectations of the specialists whose analyses of the stamps must have been keen ones. What is good enough for them must be good enough for the ordinary collector. The three cent double line watermark, in coil, will have a place in all the lists of such stamps, no doubt, and that with fair show of reason.

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By JAMES LEWIS HOWE.

Has anybody yet succeeded in throwing any light upon the sheet of lithographed Confederate 10 cent blue, showing the imprint of J. T. Patterson & Co., Augusta, Ga.? From a careful examination of a photograph of the sheet I should say that it bears every indication of genuineness, and that it must have been printed as late as the second issue of the 10 cent blue, as it appears to have been printed from the "retouched" plate. Why and when were the stamps printed in Augusta? Why was the old lithograph resuscitated, instead of using one or more of the four engraved plates? Were all four of these plates used in Columbia, S. C., by Keating & Ball? Brown gum is supposed to be diagnostic of the Columbia imprints, but I have a block (plate 4) with as brown a gum as I have ever found on the Columbia stamps, which bears the Richmond imprint. Evidently brown gum was used in Richmond, or else Keating & Ball did not change the imprint.

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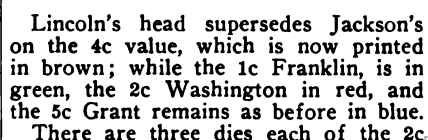
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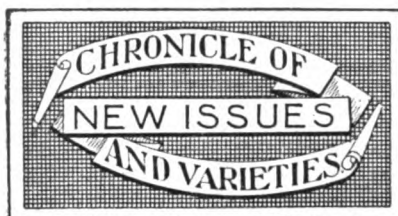
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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldridge lists the following new precancels:
Cincinnati, Ohio.—(No. 1162) 4c 1913, Parcel Post.

Chicago, Ill.—(No. 1157) 2c 1913, San Francisco, inverted.

Seattle, Wash.—(No. 1168) 4c, 5c, 1913, Parcel Post, reported by Edmond K. Janes.

Chicago, Ill.—(No. 1157) 2c 1913, San Francisco, Cal.

F. W. Dodge reports finding the 5c San Francisco Exposition stamp, with inverted watermark.

Jefferson's portrait is to appear on the Post Cards of the Republic instead of McKinley's according to the latest advices from Washington.

AUSTRIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new 14h postage due stamp, the design and color being the same as the recent printings of the other values on unsurfaced paper.

Postage Due Adhesive.
14h deep carmine.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the ½d and 1d canoe type, reprinted on thin paper, and also the 11d King George stamp, previously chronicled.

CHINA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1c brown and 30c blue postage due adhesives with the Waterlow "Republic" surcharge.

CYPRUS.—W. H. Peckitt sends us the 12pi value in the King George set.

Adhesive.

12pi orange brown and black.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Marsh's Circular* reports the issue of several new values in the King George set. The new 5d, 9d, and 2sh 6d values were placed on sale on June 30, the 5sh on July 1. The 5d value is printed in a reddish-bistre, or fawn as it is officially termed, the 9d in purple-black, or as it is officially termed "agate", the 2sh 6d is printed in sepia, and the 5sh

in crimson. The 5d stamp shows the head of King George on a lined ground in the centre of the stamp, immediately below the head are sprays of oak and bay leaves, at either side of the head is a caduceus, over the head is a large Crown with the figure "5" on a lined ground at each side; the words "Postage Revenue" are to be found below the figures, and "Five Pence" in coloured capitals on a plain tablet along the foot of the stamp. The 9d stamp is of somewhat similar design, but the words "Postage Revenue" are incorporated in the side ornamentation, and the head is surrounded with a garland of bay leaves, with the national emblems of a rose, shamrock and thistle in the lower angles. The design being a distinct improvement on that of the 5d. The 2sh 6d and 5sh values are of the one design, and show the head of the King in a circle of bay leaves in the upper left corner, in the centre, at the foot, the value is given in figures and words with "Postage" below, the whole of the rest of the design being occupied with a figure of Britannia and three sea horses. The idea of the design having evidently originated from the current low value Barbados stamps. The two high values are of oblong design, measuring 39x22mm. They are printed on thick paper with watermark a large GvR and Crown, this being a "single" watermark; only one showing on a stamp. The stamps are perforated 11x12. The 5d and 9d are Somerset House prints and show the control B. 13, the bottom margins being imperf. The 2sh 6d and 5sh are printed in sheets of 40, ten rows of four, and show no marginal control.

Adhesives.

Wmk. GvR repeated, perf. 15x14.
5d fawn.
9d agate.

Wmk. GvR single, perf. 11x12.
2sh 6d sepia.
5sh crimson.

GRENADA.—From W. H. Peckitt comes specimens of the 5sh and 10sh King George stamps.

Adhesives.

5sh green and red on yellow.
10sh green and red on green.

HONDURAS.—The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. has submitted the "2 cts" on 1c steamer type, chronicled some time since, and Whitfield King & Co. show us the "5 cts" on 10c, recently reported by Mr. Focke.

HONG KONG.—From W. H. Peckitt we have received the dollar values of the King George set. The \$1 has the figures of value in the lower corners, while the others have the swastika. Consequently the value appears three times on the \$1 stamp, and only once on the others.

Adhesives.

\$1 blue and violet on blue.
\$2 black and carmine.
\$3 violet and green.

INDIA.—*Chamba.*—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 3p, ½a and 1a, King George stamps of India, surcharged for use in Chamba.

Patiala.—W. H. Peckitt sends us the ½a and 1a King George stamps of India, surcharged for use in this state.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the ½d King George stamp.

Adhesive.

½d green.

NICARAGUA.—A. W. Dunning shows us four provisionals of the "Cordoba" series, including "tres centavos" on 6c Liberty, "cinco centavos" on 50c locomotive, "seis centavos" on 1p locomotive and "10 centavos" on 2p locomotive.

Information is desired regarding the 6c locomotive, without surcharge, as some collectors of Nicaraguan issues are disposed to doubt whether it was ever issued. Will any reader who happens to have this stamp kindly submit it for examination.

PORTUGAL.—*Champion's Bulletin* illustrates the special stamps issued for the Lisbon fetes, as noted in No. 1175. There are two values the design being a horizontal oblong, with an allegorical female representing the city. The figure is placed at the right with the arm reaching across the stamp and holding a palm branch. Tablets at the upper left bear the inscriptions, "Republica Portuguesa—Correio 1913" and at the bottom "Lisboa—Festas da Cidade." In the lower corners is the value, the figure at the left and "c" at the right. The stamps are perforated 12x11½.

Adhesives.

1c dark green.
2c chocolate.

RUSSIA.—*Champion's Bulletin* is informed that it had been decided to put the new postage stamps on sale July 1, old style. They will bear a female figure allegorical of Russia. The stamps were printed at the Imperial Printing Office.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d and 1sh values of the King George set, as previously chronicled.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the ½, 1d, 2d and 2sh 6d values of the King George set, previously chronicled.

PARIS EXHIBITION AWARDS.

From an advance report in the *Postage Stamp* we learn that the Grand Prix at the Paris Philatelic Exhibition was awarded to Senor Jorge E. Rodriguez of Buenos Ayres for a general collection of

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unused stamps. It consisted of a very fine Sevres vase donated by M. Poincare, president of the French Republic. The Rodriguez exhibit occupied the whole of one of the annexes to the main display, and was remarkable for the fine condition of the many rare stamps shown.

The Cup of Honor was awarded Henry J. Duveen of London and New York for his specialized collection of Mauritius.

The *Postage Stamp* is unable to give a complete list of awards but we notice the following American prize winners:—Silver Gilt Medals:—Charles Lathrop Pack, Hon. E. R. Ackerman, Eugene Klein and J. B. Leavy. Silver Medal:—J. Murray Bartels.

The prize awards were made at the banquet held Saturday evening, June 28, at the Hotel Palais d'Orsay.

NEW ZEALAND STAMPS DEMONETIZED.

An edict of the New Zealand P.O. Dept. is reprinted in the latest *Postage Stamp*. It states that certain stamps contained in the schedule given below will be demonetized December 31. The edict is dated May 2 and any time within one year the stamps indicated may be exchanged at any postoffice for stamps from the new die. The following is the schedule:—

Duty.	Description of Die Discontinued
1.—One half penny to two shillings inclusive, and five shillings.	All postage and revenue bearing a portrait of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.
2.—One penny and two pence.	All envelopes embossed with postage duty of 1d and 2d, and bearing Her late Majesty's portrait.
3.—Threepence.	All registered-letter envelopes, excepting the small size, imprinted with registration duty of 3d, and bearing Her late Majesty's portrait.
4.—Postcards, lettercards and newspaper wrappers.	All postcards, lettercards and newspaper wrappers bearing Her late Majesty's portrait.
5.—Exhibition stamps ½d, 1d, 3d and 6d.	All stamps of the Christchurch Exhibition commemorative series.
6.—Postage due stamps ½d, 1d and 2d.	All the first issue of postage due stamps, ½d, 1d and 2d, bearing only the denomination printed in red.
7.—Law Court Fee stamps.	All Law Court Fee stamps of whatever denomination, bearing the words "Law Courts, New Zealand."
8.—Land and Deeds Fee stamps.	All Land and Deeds Fee stamps of whatever denomination, bearing the words "Land and Deeds Stamp, New Zealand."

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We want to buy a stamp collection for cash. J. L. Wolff, 717 Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. [tf]

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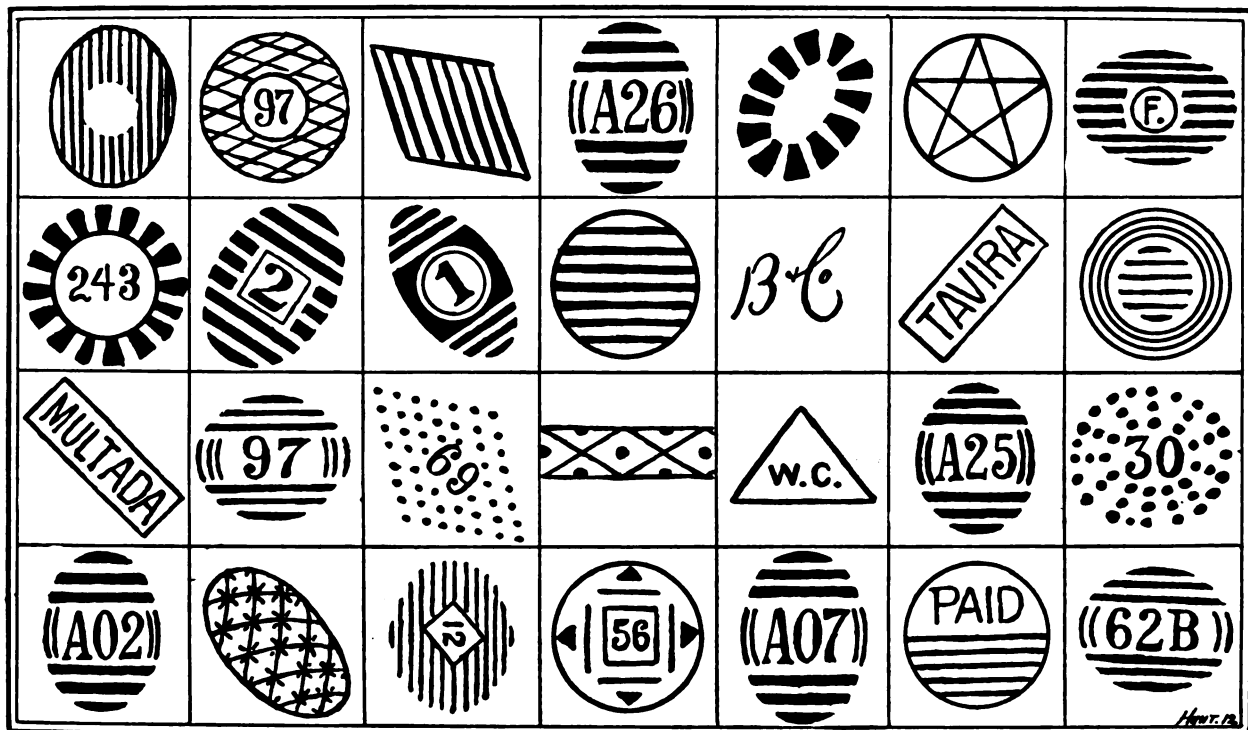
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A STUDY IN BRITISH CANCELLATIONS.

We offer here a very instructive and far from difficult rebus to which we invite the attention of our readers. We shall give suitable prizes for best answers the number depending upon the solutions received. All answers must be received by August 15. Number your replies 1 to 28 reading horizontally from left to right. Where were the cancellations, pictured above, used?

NEW ZEALAND'S NEW STAMPS.

A New Zealand correspondent writing on May 10, says that the current number of the New Zealand Government *Gazette* states that an entirely new set of all denominations of both *duty* and *postage* stamps will be issued in December next. It is understood that the designs and dies have been approved for the Georgian postage stamps for the Dominion and that good progress is being made with the preparations for manufacturing the new stamps.—*Postage Stamp*.

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Samples "Glassine" Paper and "Thin" Hinges for 2c stamp. A. W. DUNNING, Brookline, Mass. [tf]

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In the July issue of "Roessler's Stamp News" an item is offered for less than 50c. We could get \$5.00 for it just as well because no dealer can supply it. Merely our way of emphasizing the advantages of subscribing. A. C. ROESSLER, 10 Clay St., Newark, N. J.

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Turks Is. 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1sh. MENOTOMY STAMP CO., Cambridge A. Mass.

New Philadelphia precancels (smaller type—wider space, June 1913) on 1908, \$1.00, 1912, 10, 15, 50c. set of 4 fine specimens, 30c. Cash with order. WESTERN STAMP CO., Box 998, Winnipeg, Canada. [79b]

400 diff. British Col., \$5.25; 500 only \$6.45
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JOHN M. LONG, Watertown, N. Y. [tf]

Precancels 25 var. Free for 2c stamp. Approvals for reference. ROBERT WEBER, 34 Elm St., Galeton, Pa. [tf]

100 different stamps, cat. 2c each, 20c post free. C. E. NICKLES, 122 Fla. Ave., Washington, D. C. [79c]

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—W. S. Aldrich reports a bunch of boys in Milwaukee, Wis., with whom he has had trouble. Their names are Stark, Kern and Oestreich. Dealers will do well to watch out.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from George W. Schaefer.

—F. Bernard, the well-known Parisian dealer, who has been advertising regularly in the WEEKLY of late, was accorded the honor of a bronze medal at the International Stamp Exhibition at Paris. Mr. Bernard writes:—"I am constantly satisfied with the results of my advertising in the WEEKLY."

—Our attention is called to the fact that our article listing the French Colonial surcharges was not sufficiently inclusive. The fact is, this article was in type some weeks before being used. Our subscribers are no doubt aware of the fact that there are 140 varieties, one lot of thirty-two stamps having been issued in July 1912 and a second lot of one hundred and eight varieties appearing in November of the same year. Fernand Bernard of Paris calls our attention to this matter.

—F. R. Gellerman wishes us to state that he is just recovering from an extended illness and will give his affairs attention as soon as he is able to do so.

—James Lewis Howe reports a three-cent green Chinese Republic, black surcharge, showing a straight hair line diagonally across the stamp cutting the left edge of design. Mr. Howe also discovers the one-cent parcel post on "laid" paper. It will be noted that we use quotation marks.

—Fred M. Smith favors the WEEKLY with a bit of boosting by sending in the name S. M. Cutler, Brooklyn, N. Y., an oldtime collector and a former member of the A. P. S.

—A. H. Gleason, Barrington, Ill., submits for our inspection a cover showing a bi-sected 4c 1901 Newfoundland, the stamp being cut perpendicularly. The cancellation is affixed in such a way as to indicate the genuineness so far as postal use is concerned.

—"I see my old friend Capt. Clyde Parker is advertising for 1869 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c in blocks of four. I hope he has luck, but believe me he will find it a no easy task to get the 1869 issue in this shape." —H. W. BOERS.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE LEAFLETS.

These leaflets are written by eminent philatelists such as Fred J. Melville, L. Harald Kjellstedt, C. A. Howes, B. W. H. Poole and D. B. Armstrong and are authoritative. They are handy in size, uniform in shape and can be inserted if desired in loose leaf albums. They are printed on nice stock and mailed in a tube will be found invaluable to the serious collector:—

Antigua, Stamps of
Baden, Stamps of
British Central Africa
British New Guinea
Campeche, A Study in
Cape of Good Hope Wood Blocks
Cape, 1861 Wood Blocks
Cape Wood Blocks, by M. P. Castle
Cayman Ids. Stamps, by A. L. Adutt
Corrientes, Postage Stamps of
Crete, Postal Emissions of
France, Postal Issues from 1900
German Empire Private Locals
Gt. Britain Stamps Used Abroad
Guatemala 1871-94
Hamburg
Hawaii, 5c and 13c Re-Issues, 1853 type
Hawaii, 1899 5c and 13c and Mss. 5c on 13c
Jamaica, Among the Llandoveries
Mauritius, 1848-59 Locally Eng. and Litho.
Mauritius, 20th Century
Morocco Foreign and Private Posts
Natal—20th Century
New Zealand—First Issue
Niger Coast Protectorate
Niue, Stamps of
No. Borneo, Stamps of
Nyassa
Prussia—King Frederick William IV Issues.
Samoa, "Express" Issue
Scandinavia, Local Stamps of
Schleswig-Holstein, Postage Stamps of
Seychelles—20th Century
St. Helena, The Stamps of
Sicily Retouches, Notes on
Sicily, Stamps of
Sierra Leone—Its Postal Issues
Soudan's Postal Issues
Switzerland, Revenue Stamps of
Tobago, Stamps of
Trinidad, Stamps of, by Bacon
Uruguay, Diligencia Issues of
Uruguay, by C. A. Howes
U. S. Aeroplane Mail Cancellations
U. S. 1c of 1890-8, by Poole
U. S. Department Stamps
U. S. Encased Postage Stamps
U. S. Envelope Dies, 1853-1900
U. S. "Dr. K. & Co. I R" Surcharges
U. S. Envelopes 1908-11, by L. G. Barrett
U. S. Garfield Issues, by Poole
U. S. Lincoln on Our Postage Stamps
U. S. Match Wrappers, Byam Carlton & Co.
U. S. N. Y. State Fiscal Issues
U. S. 1908 Double Line Watermark
U. S. 1908 Single Line Watermark
U. S. R. R. Cancellations on 1861 Issue
U. S. Revenues, Do They Exist?
U. S. Stamped Paper
U. S. Stamped Paper, List, N. Y. Series
U. S. Stamped Paper (list continued)
U. S. Stamps in Boxer Uprising
U. S. Stamps of Confederate States
U. S. 1907 Issue of Envelopes
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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 281, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE. Bavaria.

RAILWAY OFFICIAL STAMPS.

The only official stamps issued by the Kingdom of Bavaria is an unpretentious set issued in 1908 for the use of the Railway Department (Eisenbahn). This consisted of the contemporary 3, 5, 10, 20, and 50 pfennig postage stamps overprinted with a large capital "E". The overprint is in green on the 10pf and 50pf, and in red on the other three values

E

Reference List.

1908. Wmk. horizontal zig-zag lines close together. Perf. 14½.

- 109. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 201.
- 110. 5pf green, Scott's No. 202.
- 111. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 203.
- 112. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 204.
- 113. 50pf maroon, Scott's No. 205.

RETURN LETTER STAMPS.

We cannot conclude this short history of the postage stamps issued by the Kingdom of Bavaria without making some mention of the so-called Return Letter stamps. These labels used to be catalogued, are illustrated in some of the older printed albums, and are frequently found in collections and, consequently, are often a source of mystification to the tyro. These stamps are not postage stamps in any sense of the term but are labels which only relate to the internal economy of the post-office. We grant, however, that they are at least as collectible as "officially sealed" or the numbered labels used in connection with registered letters in many countries nowadays.

When letters were unable to be delivered they were sent to the chief office of the postal district. In 1865 there were six of these offices; viz. Augsburg, Bamberg, München

(Munich), Nürnberg, Speyer, and Würzburg. The letters were opened to discover the name of the sender and then returned, these return letter labels being used as seals to close the missives with. The labels were all printed in black on white paper and show the Royal Arms within an oval inscribed "COMMISSION FÜR RETOUR-BRIEFE" (Returned Letter Department) and the name of the district chief office. This oval was enclosed in an upright rectangular frame with ornamented spandrels. The labels were printed by lithography in sheets of 84 and those for each office differ slightly from the others, while for all, except Bamberg, there were two or three printings showing slight differences of design. In the case of the labels for Nürnberg two types exist on the same sheet.



In 1869 Regensburg (Ratisbon) was added to the list of head district offices and was furnished with a label reading "Retourbrief—(Kgl. Oberpostamt—Regensburg)" in three lines within a single-lined oblong. This label was set up from ordinary printer's type. These labels, with various inscriptions, gradually superseded the lithographed ones. Most, if not all, were printed in sheets of thirty and being set by hand there are as many varieties as there are stamps on the sheet. Little care was exercised in their production and not only may lettering of different sizes and fonts be found on different stamps but such glaring inaccuracies as "Retourbrief" for "Retourbrief", and "Oberpostamt" for "Oberpostamt" are by no means infrequent.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE CLUE THAT FAILED.

By ARTHUR IRWIN SMITH.

"For several weeks," declared Postmaster Johnson, "the number of letters and packages requiring postage due stamps has been so large as to become quite noticeable to all the office force. It occurs to me that someone who has access to the mails is removing the regular stamps, although I cannot imagine for what purpose."

"Very likely that is the case," replied Inspector Williams drily. The Inspector's long period of service in ferreting and running down irregularities in the mail service and his natural pessimistic disposition tended to make him see crime where there were but the very slightest evidences of wrong-doing. To him anyone suspected of disobeying the regulations was guilty until he was proven absolutely innocent.

"Where there are traces showing that the usual postage has already been attached," continued the local postmaster, "it has been our practice not to charge postage due. Often the stamps have seemingly been removed by a sweating or steaming process, and there is nothing to prove that the proper postage has ever been paid. In those cases it is, of course, necessary for us to collect the additional amount of postage."

"I would advise you to collect postage due in all cases," said the Inspector, severely. "Is there anyone in this office who might be suspected of this offence?" he queried.

"My clerks are all above reproach," declared Johnson. "Two of them, Randolph and Elmore, I have known since they were babies, and the third,

my most competent man came to me two years ago from New York. He is Neil Warren, whom you see working at the letter case now."

"Would any of your clerks have any object in view in illegally removing these stamps?" asked the Inspector.

"None that I know—but wait. Neil is a stamp collector, but I am sure he would have no use for these common stamps that are being removed. He has shown me his collection several times, and I assure you he has a large one of five or six thousand handsome specimens. What could be his object in removing these ordinary 'ones' and 'twos'?"

"Ah, yes, yes," the Inspector was suavely assenting. "But I think we are on the right track now. Mr. Warren, will you come over here a moment?" he called.

Neil dropped his work at the letter case, where he was busy distributing the out-going mail for the evening trains, and joined Johnson and Williams. He was a clean-cut young fellow of about twenty-one years and his eyes were frank and without fear as he looked up at his superiors.

"Mr. Warren," began the Inspector, insinuatingly, "can you account in any way for the disappearance of the regular postage stamps from the incoming mail, which has resulted in quite a little inconvenience to the public at this point?"

"The mail often looks as if it had been steamed," replied Neil, "but aside from that I have no guess to make."

"You are a stamp collector, are you not?"

"Yes, sir."

"May I see your collection?"

"You may," answered Neil without resentment. His album was brought

and the Inspector began glancing through it casually. When he reached the pages devoted to the stamps of our own country he turned the pages slowly. As might be expected, the spaces for all the stamps of the current issues were filled with handsome specimens.

The Inspector glanced at completed sets with sinister eyes. "Where did you get those stamps?" he asked Neil suddenly, his face beginning to assume a brutal expression.

"Well—I got them first one place and then another," replied Neil hesitatingly. "I can not tell where each and every stamp in this album came from; there are too many for me to keep up with them all like that. Some of these I bought from dealers, others I secured from letters and packages that came to me."

"I shall have to place you under arrest until the case is fully investigated," declared the Inspector. "It is proven that certain stamps have been removed from letters and packages coming to this office. You have had access to the mail at all times and you now have similar stamps in your possession. Mr. Johnson, you will suspend Clerk Warren at once, and place a substitute at work until some definite action is taken in this case."

Neil gave the Inspector one contemptuous glance, then detached his mail key and passed it over to Johnson. The postmaster's countenance showed his sympathy. "I am very sorry, Neil," he began, then turned quickly to the Inspector. "I will arrange the bond here at once."

"As you like," replied the Inspector, producing the necessary papers.

The matter was arranged in a few minutes, but all the time the mails were accumulating. The east-bound train had brought in a full letter-pouch and two big sacks of papers, while there was another pouch and a small sack from the local line running north and south. It was necessary to telephone for the substitute and it would take several hours for him to make arrangements to get to the office and go to work. In the meanwhile the other clerks were fairly snowed under with mail.

The small sack from the local line was stiff and wet. Randolph brought it around and showed it to the Inspector. "I don't understand why this sack always shows evidences of having been wet when we get it from the local," he complained. "It hasn't rained in two weeks, yet every day we have to dump up mail from this stiff, damp container. The mail doesn't ever seem to be damaged, but it is inconvenient for us to handle the sack in this shape."

"The mail clerks probably store it against a leaky steam-pipe," observed the Inspector. "I must investigate that matter and have an order issued against such carelessness if that be the case."

Randolph dumped the mail out upon the paper-table. Three or four loose stamps fluttered out upon the floor, and into the waste. No one noticed the occurrence but the postmaster, who stepped over and picked them up quickly.

"Here's the key to our little mystery," he exclaimed. "The steam pipes in the mail car have effectually loosened stamps from these packages," and he began picking out the short-paid bundles.

"Why has this not been noticed before?" asked the Inspector, bristling because his suspicions against Warren were beginning to be proved groundless.

"This sack usually comes in on the midnight express," explained Randolph, "and is stored away to be worked early in the morning just before the office is opened. It is usually dry by that time and I suppose the loose stamps would remain within the folds of the sack or be brushed into the waste unnoticed."

"I hardly think it necessary for you to suspend Clerk Warren," remarked the Inspector to Johnson. He bundled up his papers hurriedly, crammed them

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into his grip, and walked out the door without so much as saying "Good-day."

"Good riddance," laughed Johnson. "Here's your key, Warren. I don't think you'll have to go to jail for a long time yet."

Neil smiled carelessly. "The innocent need have no fear," he said, "even when one of Uncle Sam's 'eagle-eyes' seems determined to get him into trouble. I guess those railway mail clerks will be more careful, however, about putting mail for our town against that leaky steam pipe in the future."

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—E. J. Gifford writes us commending the position taken by "Knocker" on the "Catalog Question."

—Geo. T. Edson, Mexico, craves the indulgence of patrons if replies to letters are apparently slow: "Our only mail out is a boat to New York every Thursday and this will explain any delay in answering letters. Let your readers know I am on the job and its a big one too."

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Herman W. Boers and Mrs. M. M. Crane.

—M. Bedard, 156 St. Andre St., Montreal, Can., would like to know the address of Keith MacKay also J. M. Greer. Can anyone favor him?

—We have received from O. E. Rasor a rather lengthy communication endorsing the article by "Knocker."

—John L. Hennecke, Bucyrus, O., has shown us a local charity label issued in connection with the work of the Monnette Memorial Hospital of that city.

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The Publisher.

Some of the editorial notes are interesting:—

—First fit off the press and circulated. Second scheduled to arrive on time, whenever that is.

—As our space is valuable and limited, contributions must be limited to not more than four (4) words, if intended for publication.

—Our subscription list is not quite as large as Mekeel's as yet, but just you watch us grow!

—The *Era* claims at least one distinction. It is the only stampic paper that doesn't solicit advertisements. We believe in handing dealers the square deal, even if they do send out approval selections that are not asked for. It doesn't pay a dealer to advertise in a little one horse paper, anyway. When our subscription list is larger than at present we will publish rates for advertisements.

—The *Era* is not the first paper our editor has published. Several years ago he founded the *Boys' Sun*, floundering it two months after its initial appearance. The *Sun* carried just two more advertisements than this month's issue of *The Era*.

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While we have received no word from the publishers that *Redfield's Weekly* has suspended we are advised by L. T. Brodstone of the *Philatelic West* that such is the case and that the *West* will fill out all unexpired subscriptions.

Truly the way of the philatelic weekly is indeed a hard one and yet every now and then a new one blossoms forth intent upon filling a long felt want. After a while cash becomes a scarce article for printers' bills must be paid, paper stock settled for and other "blatantly commercial" demands met. In the course of time—suspension.

Mr. Redfield had the money to make his venture a success and there was every indication that his paper would succeed. It was slow in coming along. He could make no inroads upon the WEEKLY subscription list because our paper could offer superior service and the general run of collectors needs but one stamp paper. Getting a footing was indeed difficult.

Finally Mr. Redfield launched the *Boys Magazine*. There was ample room for it and it has become a powerful competitor of the *American Boy*. Its increase, marked the decrease of the stamp weekly, which has gradually faded from view. We regret its demise and wish Mr. Redfield all prosperity in his *Boys Magazine* venture.

IDENTIFICATION MARKS NOT WANTED.

By A. C. NEEDHAM.

I would like to register a protest against a method employed by some dealers in putting indelible marks of identification on the backs of rare or valuable stamps. On several occasions fine copies of stamps, notably triangular Capes and early St. Vincents, have been sent me on approval, which I have refused to buy owing to unsightly marks, figures or initials put on the backs with blue or purple indelible ink, and which have in nearly every case shown through the stamp.

I had sent me recently a very fine copy of the 10c 1847 white paper, blue gridiron cancellation with magnificent margin, one side being from the edge of the sheet, and described by the dealer as the finest used copy he had ever seen. But on the back three separate and distinct indelible blue marks of identification stood out in all their garishness and shone through poor George's face!

On top of this I was also blue because I had to return the stamp, which I otherwise would have kept, and no doubt the dealer was blue when I refused to buy it. For, like the missionary that returned home because the natives had designs on him, back go any "approvals" with indelible marks, for I do not like tattooed stamps.

Rare stamps in good condition are hard enough to get as it is, and many a collector will cherish a badly centred or heavily cancelled copy, but such "outs" are legitimate and are often forgotten in the pleasure of ownership, but to deliberately put indelible marks on a stamp is surely not improving its original condition, if indeed it is not spoiling it.

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WASHINGTON, July 21.—Plans for the extension, improvement and reduction in rates of the parcel post were announced today by Postmaster-General Burleson. The changes, which are to become effective on Aug. 15, include an increase from eleven pounds to twenty pounds in the maximum weight of parcels; a material reduction in the postage rates in the first and second zones, the abandonment of the parcel post map as a means of computing rates and the substitution for it of a rate chart individualized to every postoffice in the United States.

The plans contemplate the purchase of a large number of automobiles to be used exclusively for the delivery of parcel post matter.

While for the present the maximum weight limit of twenty pounds and the reduction in rates will apply only to the first and second zones, from any given post-office—a distance of about 150 miles—the changes directed today constitute the first long step toward a universal extension of the system and a general reduction in the rates of postage on parcel matter.

Mr. Burleson announced the changes as follows:

"The first zone shall include the territory within the local delivery of any office and the first zone rate of postage will apply to all parcel post mail deposited at any office for local delivery or for delivery by city carrier or on rural routes emanating from that post-office.

"The second zone shall include the remainder of what is now the first zone, together with the present second zone, and shall include all the units of area located in whole or in part within a radius of approximately 150 miles from any given post-office.

"The rate of postage on parcels weighing in excess of four ounces in the proposed first zone will be reduced to five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional two pounds or fraction thereof, and the rate for the second zone will be reduced to five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound or fraction thereof."

THE SONORA PROVISIONALS.

We quite recently noted by courtesy of Howard R. Howard, the appearance of some provisional stamps in the province of Sonora, Mexico. Further information is now at hand with specimens of the provisionals, and we quote quite freely from a letter received from Mr. Howard.

"Thus far the provisionals have been issued in five values, 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 centavos. The 2, 5 and 10c values were the first issued. There are ten stamps to the sheet.

"The 1, 2, 3 and 10c have appeared in but one type, straight edge at top and rouletted in colorless lines on three sides. There is a variety of the 2c with a thin figure '2' occurring twice in each sheet. There are four settings of the 5c. The first has a heavy-faced figure 5; the second is in light Gothic; the third rouletted in black on all four sides, and the fourth which has just made its appearance on mail from Hermosillo has a light green circular overprint showing a liberty cap from which radiate shafts of light. There is a pair of balances in the shaded background. These four varieties of the 5c appeared in the order above indicated."

Mr. Howard submits a cover showing a Nogales postmark indicating postage paid without stamp being affixed. All in all, the province of Sonora is furnishing a very interesting chapter in philatelic history.

KNICK-KNACKS.

Who is the chap who got the proud position of philatelist with our grand and awful government? Just think of being paid twelve hundred dollars a year to dally with stamps. Surely some of them do ride in chaises.

Saith Editor Dekay sententiously, desisting for the nonce from the pleasant task of counting the contents of the bag of golden shekels representing the profits from his publication: "If a stamp journal cannot live in this country without being endowed, there must be little public demand for its existence; and the efforts of collectors toward the demise of a particular journal ought not to be retarded by an endowment fund." Nevertheless, we wish that somebody would endow us. (Now is the chance for some Hotspur to write in to say, Yes, with sense.)

Mr. A. W. Batchelder has arrived home from Hawaii and reports that his business trip was full of pleasure, or his pleasure trip full of business, we forget which. He sold several Missionaries and a lot of Numerals in the land of their birth.

Proxies are winging their way to our cote; and at the American Philatelic Society convention, we shall battle to our last breath to carry out the one instruction that we have received with about two dozen proxies.

"Velvety green" is a poor one to introduce into the stamp chronicle in hot weather.

"Now I can understand why all stamps are sold by the piece in a certain auction sale. Next time I may get another lot with pieces to match those lacking in this," writes an acerb reader.

Some of the United States have gone up in the advance sheets of the coming catalogue. (Business of hand-clapping by those who have said stamps and of hissing by those who do not have them.)

The true horrors of the war in the Balkans will soon be revealed to the philatelist.

A stamp Solon says: "The collector who puts in the most time on his stamps will have the best collection." Still a little money, too, might fit in.

WARNING!

Will you kindly warn your readers against forgeries of the 2c Pan American with center inverted? Within an hour of each other we have had two used copies offered us which had been sold to unsuspecting smaller dealers. These have been produced by erasing the vignette and printing in a new one inverted which was apparently made from a photographic reproduction. The cancellation had been retraced to match. One of these copies had been stuck in a small collection in order to make the fraud more deceptive. —J. M. BARTELS Co.

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It Seems So Simple—Let us say that the collector in a large city receives a request from a country cousin to obtain for him the fifty cent, seventy-five cent and one dollar parcel post stamps in blocks of four, well centered and without straight edges. As the smaller postoffices did not stock the higher values of the parcel post stamps, it follows that collectors in towns other than those of the first class turn to the big city postoffices for the higher denominations. The collector in "rural parts" is not inclined to send direct to the metropolitan postmaster for the current high values that he is in need of, as it is a prime requirement that the copies be selected and consequently, he dare not trust the choice to the philatelically untrained eye. So, the big city collector is appointed the intermediary; and glad to be of service to his brother in the country, he proceeds to the postoffice. He realizes that his mission is a delicate one and he will not delegate it to the office-boy or other supernumerary.

Not Smooth Sailing—When the accommodating city collector reaches the great edifice, to which his visits are rather infrequent after all, and sees what a hive of activity it is he has some misgivings about the easy accomplishment of his task. He takes his place in line and finally gains the window of one of the selling clerks, to whom he says briskly: "I want four each of the fifty cent; seventy-five cent; and one dollar parcel post stamps;" and then he explains that he must have the stamps in blocks of four, well centered and with no straight edges. The interruption already has caused a congestion in the line and several of the impatient customers of Uncle Sam's begin to fume at the delay. The clerk is not the soul of enthusiasm and does not invite extended conference, although he does show several one dollar, each

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In Reality—What a relief it would be if one could go to the postoffice and buy stamps for collecting purposes in the assurance that they would be well-centered and otherwise acceptable. As it is, the collector would stand a sorry show of satisfaction if he would take the chance of buying the first stamp that was produced by the clerk of the dollar parcel post, for instance. It has not escaped the notice of collectors that the parcel post stamps run the gamut of centering from good to very bad. On the same sheet of the stamps, some of the stamps may be squarely centered while others will have the perforations impinge on the design. As for straight edges, there are thirteen in the sheet of forty-five stamps, nine by five. The collector in the large city who wishes to get a set of parcel post stamps will call for many stamps while few will be chosen if his quest is to be successful. His experience is likely to make him a convert to the plan of buying the current high values in fine condition from the dealer at a fair advance over face. The fault of uneven perforation does not lie altogether in the workmanship it is known, as erratic shrinkage of the dampened paper as it is prepared for printing is to be charged with the fault as well. There is one redeeming feature about the difficulty attending the chase for fit specimens and that is when they finally are obtained, they are appreciated the more.

The Registry Stamp—The ten cent registry stamp was discontinued by an order dated May 28th, 1913, when it was announced that no further supply of the stamp would be printed although the stock on hand would be distributed from the postoffices. In the order it was said: "Registry stamps shall be valid for prepayment of registry fees;" and thus the inference is that in no way would they be receivable for ordinary postage. Upon inquiry it was learned that the postage on a registered letter may be paid by one or more of the distinctive registry stamps. Thus one registry stamp would pay the registration fee and a second registry stamp would pay ten cents in regular postage. The reason why the postage on a five ounce regular letter, for instance, could not be paid by a ten cent registry stamp is to avoid confusion; it might be thought that it was the intention of the sender of the letter in question to register it. Item: The registry stamp is one of the scarcest of recent issues, well centered in a large block. On the same

sheet there may be some stamps well centered and others poorly centered.

Observed by a Traveler—An old advertiser in the WEEKLY, Mr. F. G. Sweet, now of Battle Creek, Michigan, has returned from a trip that included Great Britain and many of the countries on the continent. We learn that Europe is no longer the storehouse of early United States of the higher values that it was in the past; and that it is becoming more difficult each year to replenish depleted stocks in this country by levies on Europe. The drains on stocks abroad have been so persistent that quantities of the stamps are hard to find; and moreover, several of the American dealers have standing offers to buy all the stamps of certain kinds at very fair prices that may be offered by their correspondents. The all-important factor of condition must be considered. In a lot of one hundred of the five cent, 1861, for illustration, taken as they come, how many copies will be perfect; five, on an average, perhaps. Some of the lower values, U. S. are good stock abroad and there are calls for stamps such as the used one, two and three cent, 1869; the three cent, 1887, etc., in quantity. Surely, United States stamps have come into their own; and their prices should never know retreat.

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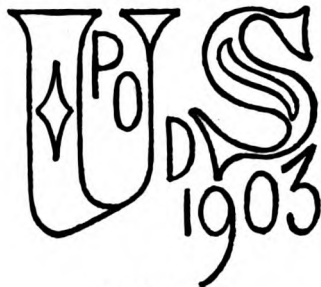
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Of the SEVENTEENTH issue, of
1903-1907, it is not necessary to go into
detail as the ground has been covered
already with the descriptions of the
many varieties resulting from retouch-

ing the dies by the contractors, the
Hartford Mfg. Co. The watermark for
this issue, known as No. 14, consisted of
the large letters U S with PO between
the stems of the U; a small D between
the U and S near the base of the S and
the date 1903 below the S.



WMK. No. 14A.

The first printings of this issue in the
1c value were in olive green, and in ver-
million for the 2c; and both of these
shade varieties are becoming scarce.

It should be noted that Lincoln and
Grant changed places on the 4 and 5c
values, and that each value had a dif-
ferent shaped die, the 1c being round;
the 2c an upright oblong with rounded
corners; the 4c a square (?) with
rounded corners; and the 5c a horizon-
tal oval.



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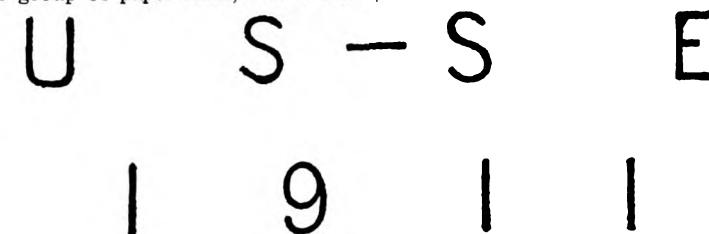
Some of the wrappers and manila en-
velopes have appeared with the 1894
watermark No. 12, the contractors hav-
ing purchased some old stock from
former contractors. The designs for
this issue were based on the old Nesbitt
die of 1864 with the addition of a Reay
head of 1870, and Franklin and Wash-
ington are the only ones honored, the
1c and 4c dies showing Franklin's head,
while Washington's is allotted to the 2c
and 5c. At first the 2c values were
printed in a red-brown, which has now
been changed to carmine-rose, and
strangely enough brown has been
abandoned in favor of black for the 4c
denomination.

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ing from July 1, 1911, and at the pres-
ent time supplies are being furnished
under this new contract. Paper with
three different watermarks is in use
promiscuously, being known as Nos. 16,
17 and 18.



WMK. No. 17.

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Some of the same dies of the earlier
part of the eighteenth issue are still in
use, and new ones have been added to
both the 1 and 2c values, so that there
are at present in use, Dies A, B, C and
D (just discovered) of the 1c; and
Dies A, A2, C, D and E of the 2c
value. There were already two dies
each for the 4c and 5c values, and these
have not been changed.

An innovation of this issue was a
series of "open-end" envelopes, in-
tended to retain the contents of "un-
sealed matter" better than the style
with top flap open. They have not
been very popular and probably no more
will be issued. New knives have been
adopted for Sizes 3, 5, 8 and 13, the
ones most in demand, showing a dia-
gonal low-cut top flap, and for which
is claimed an economy in cutting.
Size 11 has also been treated to a slight
change in size, so that all told, with the
numerous dies in combination with the
three different watermarked papers, and
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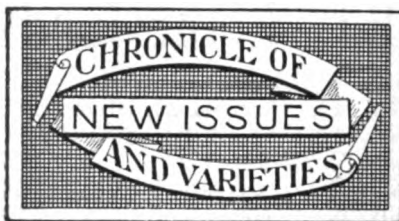
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge lists the following precancels:

Dallas, Texas. (Same as No. 1174, except that the lines are wavy). 4c, 5c, 10c, 1913 Parcel Post. Submitted by Howard Crannell.

Scranton, Pa.—(No. 1169). 2c 1913, Parcel Post.

ARGENTINE.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the three higher values in the Laborer set, all being printed in two colors. The centre shows the design of the smaller stamps, with the name of the country removed, and set in an ornamental frame with the name of the country running across the top and the value at the bottom. The stamps are of large size, and are printed on the paper watermarked honeycomb.

Adhesives.

- 5p slate and gray green.
- 10p violet and blue.
- 20p blue and claret.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—W. H. Peckitt sends various values of the new King George set as previously chronicled.

CANAL ZONE.—Gerald D. Bliss sends us the current 1c stamp, with the "Canal Zone" overprint in the new type, but very heavily printed.

CHINA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 3c, 4c, and 20c of the current set with the Waterlow overprint.

We find the following in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*:

E. Widler has written to the *China Press* about some of the recent stamps: I am enclosing the 10c surcharged, Chinese (Republic) in dark brown instead of the original light-red colour. Several sheets of these have been printed and issued at the same time from various sources. They have the same types as those of the Statistical Department. Of these, I obtained several copies from time to time, at the Shanghai Post-Office, and a small number of these were issued: they will undoubtedly become rare, and are worth looking for.

Of the inverted surcharges, there are many of the 1/2 cent, emanated from Wuchang; of the 3 cents from Hangchow, Hankow, Ningpo, Shaoshingfu, and prove that many sheets of these have been issued. Of the 1 cent inverted there are very few. The surcharges of the above are all of the Statistical type. Of the 1 cent, there are some of the Commercial Press type as well.

There are three distinct types of the surcharges. The Commercial Press, the Statistical Department, and the London Waterlow type, the last one of which is now in course; not counting those issued at Hankow, Foochow, Ho-chowfu and such places where stamps were surcharged from wooden blocks. Two denominations of the entire series of China stamps were surcharged by the Commercial Press, viz.:—the 1 cent yellow and the 2 cents green, and not as stated in Stanley Gibbons' catalogue with additional three numbers—229a, 229b, 229c; these three numbers are unknown, and do not exist. The above two types are easily distinguished from those printed by the Statistical department. The fourth character is of a larger size and the type usually of a clear and thinner impression in light red.

There are various thickness of impression surcharged by the Statistical Department. On the right side of some sheets, the surcharge is all very clear and well impressed, whereas those on the left or at the bottom of a thicker, unclear and flat impression or vice versa. If these stamps are examined individually, they give every reason to believe that they were printed from different types, which is really due to the difference of pressure exerted upon the types from the press.

GIBRALTAR.—A correspondent at Gibraltar writes to *Gibbons' Journal* as follows:—"When the new King George stamps were issued here on July 17 last year, no specimens of the King Edward 6d in the universal colour had been so far sold at the Post Office, though it appears that a certain number had been sold at the Colonial Treasurer's office on various occasions considerably previous to that date, various local collectors having unused specimens in their possession. I have lately been shown a pair in the used condition, which have evidently franked correspondence as far back as Dec. 4, 1911, as you will see by the photo that I enclose herewith."

GOLD COAST.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 5sh King Edward stamp which has just been issued in the Colony.

Adhesive.

- 5sh green and red on yellow.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The new stamps as announced last week have attracted considerable attention, especially the shilling

values, the design for which forms a striking contrast to anything hitherto provided for the mother country. That the design remotely suggests the latest Barbados set is true, yet it is worked out in a better way, and once the shock of the change from the dignified older issues is absorbed, the change will undoubtedly be popular. We chronicled these stamps last week without seeing them, but now that we have been shown the stamps by the New England Stamp Co. and others, we find them to be very attractive. The large watermark, appearing once on every stamp of the higher values, makes three distinct types of the new cypher watermark, and opens up opportunity for a bewildering number of minor varieties. The New England Stamp Co. calls attention to a minor variety in the 2sh 6d stamp, the outer frame line just above the back of the King's head being broken and noticeably out of line. The specimen we have seen was the corner stamp at the lower right, but we are unable to say whether it occurs again in the pane or sheet or not. The new designs, like all the stamps of Great Britain since 1840, have preserved the idea that there is no need to print the name of the country upon the postal issues of the United Kingdom. With any other country this would be considered presuming, to say the least, but of course "the King can do no wrong."

Offices in the Levant.—The new 2 1/2d, with portrait of King George has been surcharged "1 Piastre" for use in the Levant.

We are indebted to W. H. Peckitt for specimens of the 5d, 9d, 2sh 6d, and 5sh King George stamps as noted above and in last week's issue.

HAYTI.—A. W. Dunning sends us several new stamps from this country, various values of the 1906 issue being reprinted in new colors. Mr. Dunning has not been informed whether the whole set has been reprinted.

Adhesives.

- 3c orange.
- 4c olive.
- 7c red.
- 8c olive gray.
- 10c red brown.

HONDURAS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us another provisional, surcharged upon the 1c steamer type.

Provisional Adhesive.

- "8 cts" on 1c violet.

INDIA.—Gwalior.—The *Stamp Lover* chronicles three more values of the current Indian stamps overprinted "Gwalior" in both English and native characters. These new values are 4a, 5r and 25r.

MAURITIUS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a new value in the King George set.

Adhesive.

- 25c black and carmine on yellow.

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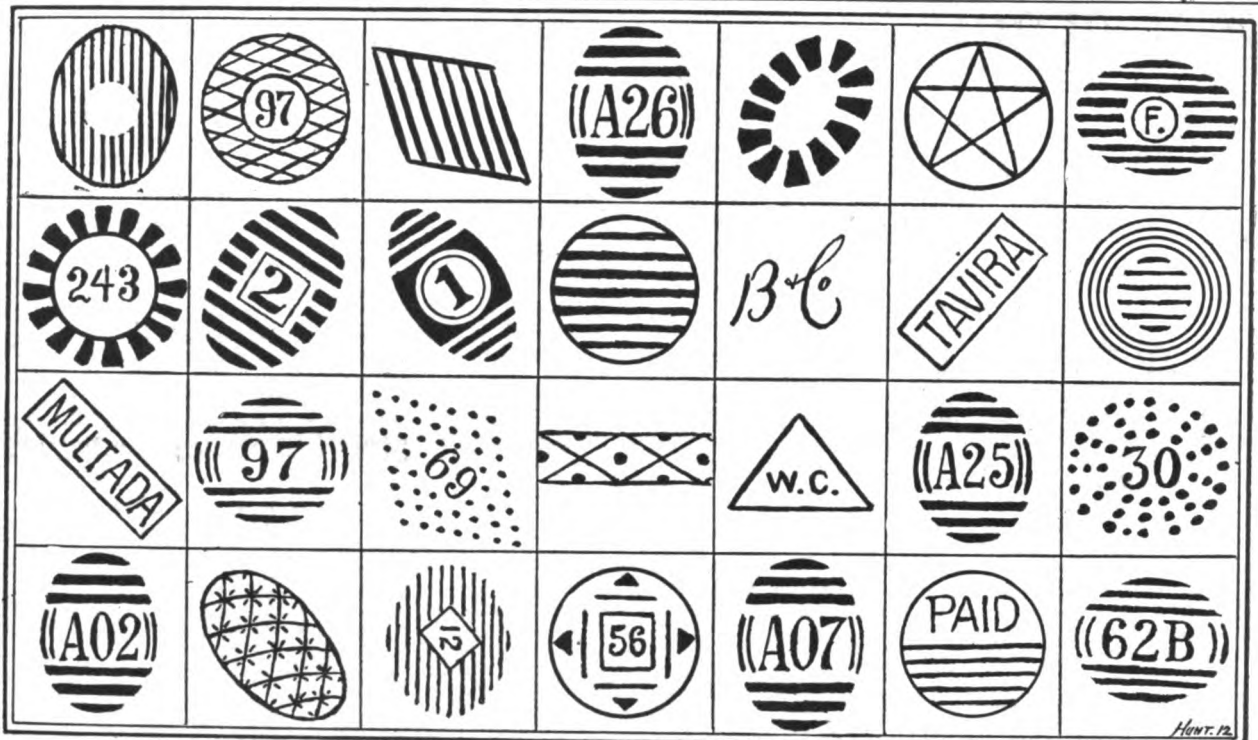
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NETHERLANDS.—Some months ago we announced that certain of the current stamps were to be surcharged "Armenwet" for the prepayment of postage on mail relating to the administration of the Poor Laws. *Gibbons Journal* reports that the 1c, 1 1/2c, 2c, 2 1/2c, 3c, 5c and 10c have been seen with the above overprint in black.

NEW ZEALAND.—Charles E. Fisher sends us a cover from New Zealand with an embossed oval stamp, with King George's head, surmounted by a spray and crown similar to recent envelope stamps for the old country. "N Z" appear at either side just below the sprays, with "Postage One Penny" below.

Envelope.
1d red on white.

NICARAGUA.—A. W. Dunning informs that a number of new provisionals have been issued, though whether or not with the "Cordoba" surcharge we are not

Wanted! Mint panes of 6 1c, 1902 booklets. Will give 25c. Geo. Beans, Box 251, Glenside, Pa.

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NORTHERN NIGERIA.—Further values in the new set have been shown us by W. H. Peckitt.

Adhesives.
5d lilac and olive green.
6d lilac and mauve.
10sh green and carmine on green.

RHODESIA.—The *West End Philatelist* says that an entirely new set of postage stamps is in preparation, consisting of 16 values up to and including the £1. The design will show King George in a yachting cap.

RUSSIA.—*Offices in China*.—E. Widler reports to the *China Press* having found two Russian China stamps with the surcharge in black instead of the usual blue. Of the 3k five sheets were only found and of the 4k one only, each containing 100 stamps. The above is of a recent discovery and unknown to any collectors or dealers; these were obtained from the Postmaster of the Russian Post-Office at Shanghai, who first noticed the difference. Owing to the small number found, these are likely to become very rare.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 8c in the King George foliage type.

Adhesive.
8c ultramarine.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 1/2d and 1d values in the new set, as chronicled in No. 1164.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—We have received from W. H. Peckitt the 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1sh and 5sh values of the new set, as chronicled in No. 1165.

JOHNSON ALIAS AMERICAN STAMP CO.

We are glad to say that the P. O. Department has done good work in running down James F. Johnson of Baltimore, Md., who did a cheap business under the firm name of the American Stamp Co. Nearly a year ago we turned down his advertising, but other papers were more generous towards him. Johnson was arrested June 24 and tried three days later. The judge suspended sentence until the October term.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE LEAFLETS.

These leaflets are written by eminent philatelists such as Fred J. Melville, L. Harald Kjellstedt, C. A. Howes, B. W. H. Poole and D. B. Armstrong and are authoritative. They are handy in size, uniform in shape and can be inserted if desired in loose leaf albums. They are printed on nice stock and mailed in a tube will be found invaluable to the serious collector:—

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Cape Wood Blocks, by M. P. Castle
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Corrientes, Postage Stamps of
Crete, Postal Emissions of
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Guatemala 1871-94
Hamburg
Hawaii, 5c and 13c Re-Issues, 1858 type
Hawaii, 1899 5c and 13c and Mas. 5c on 13c
Jamaica, Among the Llandovery
Mauritius, 1848-59 Locally Eng. and Litho.
Mauritius, 20th Century
Morocco Foreign and Private Posts
Natal—20th Century
New Zealand—First Issue
Niger Coast Protectorate
Niue, Stamps of
No. Borneo, Stamps of
Nyassa
Prussia—King Frederick William IV Issues.
Samoa "Express" Issue
Scandinavia, Local Stamps of
Schleswig-Holstein, Postage Stamps of
Seychelles—20th Century
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Sierra Leone—Its Postal Issues
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Uruguay, by C. A. Howes
U. S. Aeroplane Mail Cancellations
U. S. 1c of 1890-8, by Poole
U. S. Department Stamps
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U. S. Envelope Dies, 1853-1900
U. S. "Dr. K. & Co. I R" Surcharges
U. S. Envelopes 1908-11, by L. G. Barrett
U. S. Garfield Issues, by Poole
U. S. Lincoln on Our Postage Stamps
U. S. Match Wrappers, byam Carlton & Co.
U. S. N. Y. State Fiscal Issues
U. S. 1908 Double Line Watermark
U. S. 1908 Single Line Watermark
U. S. R. R. Cancellations on 1861 Issue
U. S. Revenues, Do They Exist?
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U. S. Stamps in Boxer Uprising
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burg and Lubeck, with two thousand foot, and eight hundred horse, and a crowd of volunteer citizens, made a regular attack on the town of Bergedorf; which, yielding after a brief resistance, was pillaged and burnt. The brigands, however, retreated to the castle, which was strong enough to withstand for some days the arquebuses and cannons of that time. On the fifth day the besiegers collected and fired a quantity of combustibles the stifling smoke of which, compelling the defenders to retire from the walls and windows, enabled them to make an escalade, and the garrison surrendered on condition of being allowed to depart with whole skins. In 1430 it was agreed that the Duke of Saxony should abandon forever, to the towns of Lubeck and Hamburg, the castle of Bergedorf, with its appanages; and for more than four hundred years has it remained under the joint protection of those cities, each claiming the alternate nomination of a bailiff, or governor of senatorial rank—at first appointed for four, afterwards for six years—and supplying an equal number of soldiers to garrison the castle.

Hamburg purchased the exclusive ownership of Bergedorf on August 8th, 1867, the price paid being 200,000 thalers—about \$150,000 in United States currency.

The midget territory of Bergedorf has an area of about 50 square miles and is situated to the south-east of Hamburg. Its boundaries are the rivers Elbe and Bille and the tributaries of the former cut it up into several detached portions. The chief town, Bergedorf, has about 10,000 inhabitants while the parish of Geestacht, adjoining, and the villages of Neuengramm, Altengramm, Kirchwarder, and Kurslach muster between them about another 10,000. The villages are known as the Vierlande (four lands) from the fact that each is on an islet. The soil is fertile and market gardening forms the chief industry. Hamburg forms the principal market for the produce.

According to some writers the postal history of Bergedorf dates from 1837 when, it is said, a Prussian post-office was established. Though the veracity of this statement has been questioned there seems no doubt that a post-office under the joint administration of Lubeck and Hamburg was established in 1847. The two larger cities joined the German-Austrian Postal Union in January, 1852, but no immediate provision was made for the issue of postage stamps as stipulated in one of the regulations of the Union. In fact it was not until January 1st, 1859, that Hamburg and Lubeck issued stamps and shortly after these labels appeared letters posted in the Bergedorf district were required to be prepaid with Hamburg stamps. Before long Bergedorf began to agitate for stamps of its own and though the Postmaster, Herr Paalzow, did his best by both writing to and interviewing the higher officials his efforts were not immediately successful. Herr Paalzow's most interesting effort took the form of a lengthy document, dated July 25th, 1859, in which he made definite proposals for certain values, to be executed in a certain way, with estimate of costs. We make a short extract from this document:—

In accordance with the tariff of local postal rates, five denominations of stamps would be necessary for Bergedorf, of the following values:—

- (a) ½ schilling
- (b) 1 schilling
- (c) 1½ schilling
- (d) 3 schilling
- (e) 4 schilling

The cost of manufacture by Ch. Fuchs, of Hamburg, including printing, paper, and gumming, for lithographed stamps, like those introduced at Lubeck, with the arms of the two towns, would amount:—

- For (a) to 3sch per thousand
- For (b) to 4sch per thousand
- For (c) to 4½sch per thousand
- For (d) to 5sch per thousand

For (e) to 7½sch per thousand
In addition the stone which would belong to us, once and for all, 20 thalers cost price.

Herr Fuchs agrees, in the final manufacture of the stamps, to submit to any supervision and to be responsible for all damage which might happen through the fault or neglect of his firm or his employees. With regard to the sale of stamps, it could eventually be decided that this could be done during office hours at all the post-offices, on payment of their face value, but that the selling of postage stamps should be absolutely forbidden, in the whole territory of the two free towns, to all private persons.

With regard to their use, I would suggest that articles sent by mail can be prepaid by means of postage stamps but that for articles addressed to places within the Royal Danish domains, now as before, only the Royal Danish stamps may be used.

Herr Paalzow also submitted an engraving of a design he considered suitable. This showed the joint Arms of Lubeck and Hamburg on a central circle with "SCHILLINGE" above, "BERGEDORF POSTMARKE" below. "LH—PA" in the lower angles, and large numerals in the upper corners. Though this design was not adopted when it was eventually decided to issue stamps there is no doubt it formed the inspiration for the chosen drawing. The essay was apparently printed in vertical strips of five in black on paper of various colors.

In the quotation from Herr Paalzow's document mention is made of a Danish Post-office. When this was established is uncertain but it was in active operation long before Bergedorf was supplied with its own stamps and also continued in business for some time afterwards. This office dealt with all correspondence addressed to Denmark, Luxemburg, Oldenburg and Schleswig-Holstein, the stamps used being those of Denmark.

Two years passed and then in June, 1861, a convention was held to discuss the matter, the outcome being that Bergedorf was allowed to issue its own stamps. Whether the designs prepared by Herr Ch. Fuchs were shown at this convention or not is a doubtful point but at any rate his designs were adopted and in October the general public were notified of the forthcoming issue of stamps by means of the following:—

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

From the 1st November of the present year (1861) all letters posted at the post offices of this town, to be sent to Geestacht, to the office of despatch of the district to Vierland, as well as to Bill, to Oschenwerder, Spadenlemd, and Moorwerder, can be prepaid, either by making payment in cash, or by means of postage stamps. The postage stamps, for the said period, will include the following values:—

- ½sch currency on blue paper, printed in black.
- 1sch currency on white paper, printed in black.
- 1½sch currency on yellow paper, printed in black.
- 3sch currency on red paper, printed in blue.
- 4sch currency on buff paper, printed in black.

Each postage stamp bears in the centre the postal arms of Lubeck and Hamburg linked together on a wavy ground. The arms are surrounded by a band above which in the upper corners are the letters L H, and in the lower ones the letters P A. In addition, there is in the upper frame of the stamps the word Bergedorf; in the lower frame, the word Postmarke; the value in figures is in the four corners, and in words at the two sides. The back is covered with the necessary gum for placing them upon the letters.

Bergedorf, the 17th October, 1861.

The Director of Posts,
(Signed) PAALZOW,
Director of Imperial Posts, formerly Postmaster of the Lubeck-Hamburg Office at Bergedorf.

The letters "L H P A" shown in the spandrels stand for "Lubeck Hamburg Post Ansaalt (Post Office)." The currency was the same as that of Hamburg and Lubeck, being in schillinge and Hamburg marks, 16sch being equivalent to a mark of the value of 25c United States currency. The stamps are the most peculiar ever issued in one respect—they gradually increase in size according to the facial values, the lowest denomination measuring 15¼x15¼ mm. and the highest one 21½x21 mm.

The stamps were produced by lithography by Herr Christian Fuchs of Hamburg. One type for each of the five values was drawn on the same lithographic stone and from these the transfers necessary to make the printing stones were taken. On this "die stone", if we may so call it, the ½sch is inscribed "SCHILLINGE" though, as we shall show later, this value was never issued with the value spelled with a final "E." On the same stone an essay for a 4sch stamp is shown. This has the usual combined Lubeck-Hamburg Arms in the centre and "L H P A" in the spandrels. The name "BERGEDORF" however, is placed just below the Arms and the border is inscribed "SCHILLING" on all four sides. Numerals "4" occupy the corners and the whole design is much more delicate than the issued one. This essay was prepared about 1866 when the authorities proposed to change the design of the 4sch as it was believed this denomination had been forged in Hamburg. The change of design, however, was abandoned owing to the war which broke out at this time between Prussia and Austria. Proofs from this "die stone" are known in at least eight different colors.

In the official document relating to the issue of the stamps, previously quoted, no mention will be found of the ½ schilling in black on pale lilac paper, and the 3 schillinge in black on rose colored paper. These two varieties are of a considerable degree of rarity, as a reference to any catalogue quotations will prove, and much controversy has raged as to their status. Writing with regard to them many years ago Mr. Duerst stated:—"The genuineness of these two stamps is open to doubt. These colors were not given in the official decree promulgating the issue of the stamps, and were only described and catalogued after the cessation of the Bergedorf post."

On the other hand M. Moens was a strenuous believer in the legitimacy of these varieties and as evidence that they were issued published a letter he had received from the Director of Posts himself, viz:—

March 29th, 1878.

My dear Friend,—

There has been published no official information on the subject of the issue, rather by way of trial, of the old ½ schilling and 3 schillinge stamps, with which we were concerned a little time ago, because it was immediately realised that the colours would have to be changed, these colours being difficult to recognize by artificial light.

The *pourparlers* and discussions on this point were never exchanged directly between the Bergedorf authorities and myself, and were mostly carried on verbally, which shows that there can be no documents on this subject.

With kind regards,
(Signed) PAALZOW.

From this letter one would infer that the stamps were in use for some days at any rate though no cancelled copies are known or have ever been heard of.

Evidently M. Moens misconstrued the meaning of Herr Paalzow's letter for an unbiased study of both sides of the question shows the improbability of any varieties other than those mentioned in the official notice having been used.

The final quietus as to the right of these varieties to be considered issued stamps was given by Herr Paalzow's son in an interesting article which appeared in 1898 in the *Virginia Philatelist*. Herr Paalzow, Jr., states most

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emphatically that the ½sch black on lilac and 3sch black on rose were not issued. He explains their existence as follows:—a sheet of each value was printed and submitted for approval to the administration. The colors of the 1, 1½, and 4sch were approved and those of the ½ and 3sch were rejected. The printer was then ordered to print the ½sch in black on blue paper, and the 3sch in blue on rose paper. Herr Paalzow asserts that his father's letter, written in German, did not convey the meaning construed by M. Moens that they were issued in a postal sense, but rather that they had been made as proofs or experiments.

These "stamps" are therefore only essays—though we are perfectly willing to concede they are rare essays—and really have no right in a catalogue of issued postage stamps.

On January 1st, 1901, all the documents bearing on the dual ownership of Bergedorf by Lubeck and Hamburg and lying in the archives at Lubeck were transferred to Hamburg. While sorting the various papers a block of twelve of each of these essays was found with the documents relating to the issue of postage stamps. Beyond, however, proving that they were officially prepared—a fact that has never been disputed—the discovery of these stamps threw no further light on their status.

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CHAPTER XLIV.

10 Cents, Issue of 1881-82.

One of the several stamps that causes trouble to the younger collectors is the 10 cents, 1881, catalogued as re-engraved. At first sight it appears like its predecessors, although as the novice continues his studies this stamp takes on characteristics which enables him to

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In setting about to make the plates for this stamp the old design used by the National Bank Note Company was followed. In fact an old transfer used by that company was used in laying out the design for the master die. This will account for the absence of the secret mark. After the design had been laid on the die block the lines were deepened, and the shading below the ribbon containing the value was almost totally obliterated by the deepening of the horizontal lines in the background.

The sure test in distinguishing between the stamp under study and the National print is that there are but four vertical lines at the left side between the medallion and the edge of the shield, instead of five lines, as shown in the former print. There are other minor differences which become apparent with study.

The stamp was first issued to the public in April, 1882.

Mr. Luff assigns to it the following shades—pale yellow brown, yellow brown, orange brown, olive brown (very scarce); brown, violet brown and black brown. The latter, if the true black brown, is a hard stamp to secure, although not near so rare as the black brown of the previous issue.

The following plate numbers were used for stamps printed by the ordinary method—the hand press: 403, 403A, 404, 404A, 480, 481.

Steam presses were used largely in printing this issue. It required five plates for this purpose, their numbers being as follows: M. 547, M. 548, M. 549, M. 550, M. 551.

Experts can sometimes distinguish between the stamps printed by the hand presses and those printed upon the steam presses, by the difference in the wiping of the plates. I do not think that all stamps printed by the two processes can be so distinguished, but it is certain that if one has a number of copies of this stamp, and is familiar with the manufacture, a specialist can pick out one or more which is certain to obtain the characteristics so marked that the difference can be told.

During the time the re-engraved stamps were current other stamps of the issue of 1879 were in use, in the following denominations: 2 cent vermilion, 5 cent blue, 15 cent orange, 30 cent black, and 90 cent carmine rose. There was no change in the designs of these stamps.

There are few varieties to be found in the 10 cent stamp above described. I have seen single copies with very large margins which the owners declare are part perforates, but I have never seen pairs interperforate between. I have a copy which looks as if it might have been a double impression, but am not certain that it is not a "slip" as the lines do not overlap by any considerable distance.

There is an interesting field for study in the paper varieties of this stamp as specimens vary widely in thickness and texture of the paper upon which they are printed.

Proofs and the sample stamps of this issue make a very attractive addition to the collection and should, by all means, be secured if possible. They will be eagerly sought for in the future by specialists.

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We Knew It—We have been waiting for this order from Washington; and another nail has now been driven in the parcel post stamps' coffin: "Reports are being received at the Department that in many cases the lower denominations of parcel-post stamps are being mistaken by the public and by the postal service for higher denominations and vice versa on account of the uniform red color. Postmasters are, therefore, cautioned to exercise care in despatching and delivering mail, to see that the required amount of postage is affixed." Etc. Judging from the rapidity with which the stocks of parcel post stamps are dwindling away, the aforesaid stamps will soon cease from troubling the poor public and the overworked postal clerks.

Considerable Colorableness—It occasions some surprise that more is not said about the shades to be found in the parcel post stamps. We have seen as many unused parcel post stamps as anyone in different offices and while we are not howling enthusiasts about shades yet it is not fair to ignore some of the striking differences. The one dollar and the three cent seem to run truest to color, the latter, as has been said, seeming to come only in the dark, heavy shade. No attempt will be made to name the shades as colors should be seen and not described in print.

Ignorance of the Laws—He asks and we respond. A Protean Philadelphian, now in the guise of "A. Crank," writes: "I would be much obliged if you would ask your readers through the WEEKLY the following question. Why is a daily newspaper permitted to publish cuts of United States stamps, when the authorities prohibit the same in stamp papers, etc? A certain evening paper published some time ago, three cuts of parcel post stamps and no legal action was taken against this paper. The reproductions were exact images of the original stamps. Why, then, destroy an ex-

hibition stamp, which if held upside down while riding over the N. Y., N. H. & H. road will look like a United States postage stamp to a near-sighted person. Possibly you can think of a Greek phrase that will fit this situation." Yes, the Greek phrases rush pell-mell to escape from our mind and the result is that they so jam the exit that none can get out. Anyway, we are not sure that our printer has any nice, new Greek type on hand; and now we come to another paragraph.

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As He Told It—Once we asked a secret service captain what he did when a newspaper violated the law by showing fac-similes of United States stamps. He said that if the violation was a first offense the paper was warned that a repetition of the act would call for disciplinary measures but as he admitted that he could not recall any cases recently where a conviction was made under the statute, the inference is that the warning is always heeded and that there is no second offense. In reality, it becomes very hard to administer a law of the kind without favor, as the violations all are committed unwittingly but it is to be said that wisely, the authorities are slowly taking a more serious stand in dealing with the breaches. One point must be considered; the officers are apt to make a distinction between the newspapers and the magazines to the advantage of the newspapers. The magazines depend more on the United States mails than the newspapers do for their circulation; and it is rather cool to ask the post-office to give transportation to a publication that is in the act of transgressing the law. We were assured by the inspector that whole editions of magazines had been detained at the post-office because a cut of a United States stamp had appeared in the reading or advertising columns, until the offending print was removed.

Clearing The Title—It now looks as though the three cent, 1908, coil perforation 12, sideways, was issued and we have a sort of finishing touch in the letter of Dr. Jason S. Parker of White Plains, N. Y., as follows: "I have several specimens used and one pair unused that I secured from Bell & Co., Orangeburgh, New York. One of the firm told me that the firm had considerable difficulty at first in getting the three-cent in coils." Orangeburgh, New York, surely and Chicago, probably, ordered the stamps in question and were supplied with some of them.

Earliest Stamped Letter-Sheets—From J. H. Smyth, Sydney, New South Wales, we have received a copy of the illustrated weekly, *The Sydney Mail* of June 18, 1913, in which there is a column with the heading, "The Oldest Postage Stamp in the World." Recently, there was an article in the *Quarterly Review* by that scholarly philatelist, Mr. Bertram T. K. Smith that told of the history of the New South Wales letter-sheets, blue and white, respectively, with impression of the British arms and "General Post Office, Sydney, New South Wales," embossed in colorless letters and design. Soon after the article appeared, there came into the possession of Mr. Smyth of Sydney, a lot of thirty-seven of the letter-sheets, easily the most important find ever made of the old letter-sheets, whose year of issue antedates that of the adhesive. We can appreciate the great regard in which Australian collectors hold these letter-sheets; and it is fair to say that this philatelic stationery has

never received its full meed of attention and respect from collectors outside the "fifth continent."

Australia Advances—From Mr. R. J. Hogg, Adelaide, South Australia, we learn the following particulars. The stamps of Australia and New Zealand will soon be issued in rolls for several automatic affixing and vending machines, respectively, patents for which have been granted in the Commonwealth and in New Zealand. "Table Talk," an Australian publication illustrates the different machines. The South Australian departmental portion of the great collection of the late Earl of Crawford has been sold to His Honour, Judge Murray of the Supreme Court of South Australia; and as His Honour's collection was deemed a worthy rival of that of Lord Crawford, the combination of the two collections makes one that by far is the largest of these rare and interesting stamps. In all probability it is the only collection that contains a copy of each of the fifty-six different overprints. The Kangaroo stamps are now being used perforated for official purposes in the same way as the old state stamps were employed; and so it seems that there is not going to be a separate issue for departmental use.

Ward XIII, Ground Floor—Our punishment is far worse than the crime. For the third week he climbs our classic columns—and we hope the end is near: "The attendant brought in someone yesterday who claimed to be a amateur dealer in stamps, trying to get S. and C. A. complete, and seemed to be interested in the inmates as possible customers. The dealer asked the attendant if, as with most stamp collectors, there were not times when I appeared perfectly sane. 'Dear me, yes! There are lots of them worse than he is.' I have been wondering since whether there is any real encouragement in that. The attendant told me afterwards that the dealer came to talk over S. and C. A. with Count Lapp De Booze who is in the institution. They keep him in the basement corridor so that he can travel around without disturbing the rest of us. They are trying to cure his hereditary soaking tendencies by making him soak ten thousand stamps a day. His mind is quite dull, poor fellow. He promises that if they will only let him out he will manufacture a really satisfactory loose leaf album at a reasonable price. Yours, Tu Tin Lungs.

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By AMY L. SWIFT.

(We commend Miss Swift's observa-
tion in the last sentence of the opening
paragraph as worthy of special attention.
No philatelist living could produce a
Standard catalog that would escape the
knocks of "knockers." Moreover we
are convinced that no better man could
deal with the complex problems of the
making of the Standard catalog than the
man now at the helm. With the publi-
cation of this article by Miss Swift we
shall ask our other readers to send their
suggestions direct to the publishers of
the catalog. The catalog is a most valu-
able missioner for our hobby with all
of its defects. There are spots on the
sun.—EDITOR.)

The Scott catalogue is in one re-
spect like the laws of the Medes and
Persians, i. e., so absolutely certain of
being exactly right that the idea of er-
ror and consequent change is, to the
mind of its publishers impossible. Year
after year errors, omissions and various
inconsistencies have been pointed out,
but year after year they go uncorrected.
We never shall have a perfect catalogue,
and should not like it any better if we
did, for we are too human ourselves
to enjoy absolute perfection, or even to
recognize it when we see it.

Nevertheless, it is undoubtedly true
that "in a multitude of counselors, there
is wisdom," and if the Scott Company
would adopt a few of the very sensible
suggestions for improvement ignoring
freak ideas, we should have a better
volume in consequence. One thing which
is thoroughly exasperating to every col-
lector is the inclusion of all those ad-
vertising pages at the back of every
book. The last book has seventy-five
totally unnecessary pages, for the cost
of which, material, printing and binding,
the collector must pay, although they
are utterly useless to him. I have fre-
quently asked collectors their opinion of
these advertising pages, and never once
have I had other than very uncomplimentary
criticisms. Five who had
bought every book since 1893 had never
read a line of those pages; two others
tore them out and four more gummed
them together in a solid mass in order
to more quickly locate the addenda,
watermarks and index. All called them
a nuisance, never had ordered from
them and never would, knowing adver-
tisements in current papers, or the
counters of local dealers were apt to
show better bargains, and all felt they
were an imposition, saying so very em-
phatically.

A few years ago the catalogue cost
50c, post free, and even the boy or girl
collector,—the grown-up collectors of
today,—felt able to afford one, thus cir-
culating the book widely and educating
the youngsters, which two things are
both very necessary if philately is to
have a healthy future. This year the
demand is for \$1.00, a sum that very few
of the young people will feel willing to
pay, so the consequence will be fewer
books sold, fewer beginners educated,
and fewer enthusiastic collectors in the
future. Already it is becoming a rare
thing to see young people with the
latest catalogue, "it costs too much,"
they will tell you, so they use out of
date volumes which have been given
them or bought low, or else go without,
the more common way. The Scott Com-
pany tells us that an advance in price
has been rendered necessary because of
extra expense for paper, stock, printing,
postage on larger books, and so on.
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eight cents of years ago, omit all those
useless and burdensome advertising
pages in back of the book, about one-
twelfth of the entire volume roughly
speaking, and surely it could then be
sold for 75c, post free, without entail-
ing any loss to the firm. Also, the
omission would give space for growth
of the catalogue proper, would relieve
us from annoyance of buying what
we do not want, and would save us
time and trouble when consulting ad-
denda and index. Think it over, good
people all, and see if the suggestion is
not worthy of adoption.

THE OUTLOOK.

We believe that the coming season
will be the best philately has ever
known and the reason for it is self
evident. The October exhibition at
New York will prove a powerful
impetus to stamp collecting.

There is enterprise on all sides.
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Co. at the Paris exhibition, Mr.
Batchelder has just returned from the
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man Co. and other firms are advertis-
ing regularly in European papers and
more and more we are realizing that
the barrier of nationality no longer
exists.

So far as the WEEKLY is concerned
we shall be up and doing all the time.
Gibbons, Drew and Wolff have just
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To be continued.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

OUR REVIEW.

We have received from Stanley Gib-
bons, 198 Broadway, N. Y. City, a "Check
List of all Stamps of Portugal and her
Colonies Issued During the Twentieth
Century". It seems difficult to believe
that such a list should take sixteen
double column pages, but such is the
fact. Sprinkled through the list is a
large amount of information of itself
very valuable to a collector of these
stamps. The various stamps are priced
at "actual market value". This list is
given free with the British Colonial List,
price 25c, recently reviewed in these
columns.

PLATING VICTORIA HALF LENGTHS.

The *London Philatelist* for April
contains the first portion of a paper on
"The half length series of Victoria."
This subject, read before a meeting of
the Royal Philatelic Society, London, on
the 2nd January, 1908, by Mr. Leslie
Hausburg. The delay in the publication
of this interesting paper is due, we are
informed, to the author's wish to obtain
further information upon some of the
points touched upon. It seems to us to
be a case of "festina lente," and a five
years' interval savours somewhat of des-
pair, but Mr. Hausburg has tackled a
very difficult task, and if he can succeed
in forming plates of the 1d, 2d, and 3d
half lengths, and show such points of
difference as will enable other collectors
to plate them also, he will have earned
the gratitude of many philatelists.

Could it be that the recent publication
of Mr. Hausburg's notes is because
there is now another "Richmond in the
field"?

It was announced a little while back
in these columns that Mr. C. L. Pack
was also endeavouring to plate these
stamps. Perhaps it is a race between
both these distinguished philatelists as
to which will succeed first. We wish
them both "good luck" in the contest,
and may the best man win. Friendly
rivalry of this character acts as a great
stimulus, and when it is considered that
discoveries of this nature are all of per-
manent philatelic value, it will be un-
derstood that those gentlemen who give
their time to the study of it should re-
ceive due appreciation of their efforts.

"Alliances" and "entente cordiales,"
etc., seems to be so fashionable now-a-
days that we would suggest "collabora-
tion" between Messrs. Hausburg and
Pack, with the hope that their joint ef-
forts might produce more satisfactory
results in a shorter period.—*Aust.*
Stamp Journal.

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1912 5 ore, "No. 27, unused, o. g. .30

1912 4-8 ore, "No. 55, " " " .04

1912 15-20 ore, Scott's No. 56,
unused, o. g.08

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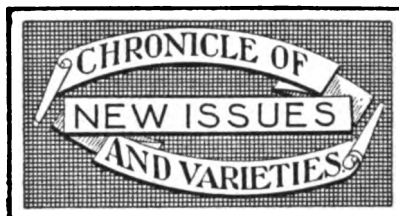
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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldridge lists the following new precancels:

Dayton, Ohio.—Two lines (DAYTON—OHIO) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals, between lines 15 mm. apart and ¾ mm. thick. 1c, 1912, inverted.

O. H. Eidsor sends specimens of the current 2c postage due stamp, showing that it has been recently printed in a new and distinct shade.

BAVARIA.—Mr. Schachne has received the following new entires.

Post Cards.

- 5pf green on buff; dated 13.
- 10pf carmine on buff; dated 13.
- 5x5 green on buff; dated 13.
- 10x10 carmine on buff; dated 12.

Letter Card.

- 10pf carmine on blue; dated 13.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Ewen's Weekly reports two more values issued in the King George set.

Adhesives.

- 2c red.
- 12c orange and lilac.

BULGARIA.—Gibbons Journal reports some interesting Bulgarian stamps and covers.

1. A pair of Bulgarian 1889, 5st, green, imperf., used.

2. One stamp, 1894, pelure paper, perf. 11½; 10st, bistre brown, instead rose; it is unused, with original gum.

3. A sheet of eight stamps, 1901 (commemorative issue), 15st, green, amongst which there is one with date reading "1870" for 1876.

4. Block of four stamps of 1909, 10 on 50st, surcharged on reverse side as well, on one of which date reads "1990."

5. Covers without stamps or with Bulgarian stamps obliterated with military cancellations, which differ from the regular Post Office cancellation in having a lion in the centre of a circle, and around it, the inscription: "Military Post and Telegraph."

6. Covers without stamps or with Bulgarian stamps obliterated with Turkish Post Office cancellation.

7. Bulgarian stamps 1911, 2st and 10st, cut vertically and used as 1st or as 5st.

HUNGARY.—A new letter card is reported by Mr. Schachne.

Letter Card.

- 6f dark olive green on gray.

HAYTI.—A. W. Dunning calls attention to the fact that although the 2c de gourde, with arms, was reprinted in yellow instead of orange in the first half of 1912, it is not mentioned in Scott's 1912 catalogue, Addenda or Supplement.

HONDURAS.—Dr. Roy F. DeSart reports having seen the 20c river steamer type, with one of the latest surcharges.

Provisional Adhesive.

- "2 cts." on 20c yellow.

NICARAGUA.—A. W. Dunning reports the latest Nicaragua provisional as the 5p locomotive, surcharged in black, "un peso—de Cordoba—1913". Dr. Roy F. DeSart reports having seen the 5c locomotive in a new color, pale blue green.

Mr. Dunning shows us the 6d locomotive stamp, thus proving that this value was issued in unsurcharged condition. Frank P. Brown also reports having this stamp.

We are also indebted to H. P. Norris for information regarding the 6c locomotive stamp, without surcharge, which was undoubtedly issued and sold.

SALVADOR.—The 1912 blue on white has been issued, according to Mr. Schachne in changed colors.

Post Card.

- 1c dark blue on buff.

NYASALAND PROTECTORATE.—Whitfield King & Co. report the issue of the new King George set, the values, designs and colors being the same as the King Edward set, except that there is no 3d value, a 2½d stamp being substituted.

Adhesives.

- ¾d green.
- 1d carmine.
- 2½d ultramarine.
- 4d scarlet and black on yellow.
- 6d red violet and violet.
- 1sh black on green.
- 2sh 6d carmine and black on blue.
- 4sh black and carmine.
- 10sh red and green on green.
- £1 black and lilac on red.
- £10 ultramarine and blue.

SEYCHELLES.—Grant Squires shows the new King George stamps mentioned in No. 1174. We note that the 18c should have been given as sage and carmine, otherwise the colors were there correctly stated. The full set was placed on sale at the General Postoffice at Mahe on June 15.

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"Society is Dead" we read in a newspaper. Still, one can never tell; the M. P. A. may get on its feet again.

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"Cannot you skip a few issues? If you can we shall not mind the hot weather," says a sub. (We shall make the "s" of sub. like a "d" and then when he sues us for libel, we can blame the comp.)

"One of our men here has sold all his other stamps so that he may give his all to the stamps of Brazil. Is he a Brazil nut?" asks a first offender. Business of coarse cackinnation.

A stamp auctioneer describes a rarity as: "Fine but with a freckle on face." He should have tried cucumber cream.

Still, there was another cataloguer who described a smut on an unused ninety-cent, 1869, as "a tear stain on Lincoln's face."

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U. S. EXPERIMENTAL STAMPS OF 1901.

By L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT, F. R. P. S.

Four years have now passed since philatelic America was stirred as seldom before by a new distinct paper variety embracing an entire issue of 11 values. Having preserved memoranda and correspondence bearing on this issue, it may be of interest to collectors, who have more lately joined our ranks, to be furnished with a condensed history of a stamp issue which in the future is destined to become increasingly rare and desirable.

The experimental issue was caused by a desire on the part of The Bureau of Engraving and Printing to improve the centering of the postage stamps, and reduce the amount of waste caused by the perforating through the uneven shrinkage of the paper. For this reason the Bureau requested the paper manufacturers to furnish 10,000 sheets of paper consisting of 65 per cent. pulp and 35 per cent. rag. The ordinary paper was made from pulp entirely. As the first printing on the experimental paper took place February 5, 1909, the paper was undoubtedly delivered some time during January. In June, 1911, I wrote to the Bureau for information as to the numbers of the plates used in printing the different values on the experimental paper, and the dates those printings took place. The director kindly furnished me with a list from which we find that the first experimental paper values to go to press on Feb. 5, 1909, were the 8c and the 2c Lincoln. The plates used for the 8c were 4919-22-23-24, for the 2c Lincoln 4976-77-78-79. Feb. 10th the 4c was printed with plates 4932-33-34-35, and on Feb. 19 another printing of the 2c Lincoln took place with the same plates that were used for the first printing of this value. On Feb. 25 the 3c went to press with plates 4918-25-26-27. The 6c and the 1c were printed on March 9, the former from plates 4936-37-38-39 and the latter from plates 4991-93-94-95. The 2c ordinary was printed March 10 from plates 4996, 5015-16-17.

In regard to the 1c and 2c values, the Bureau's record is not complete, and there is no doubt that another printing of these two values took place at an earlier date or dates. When the 1c and 2c stamps first were placed on sale at the Washington P. O., my friend,

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Mr. Geo. L. Toppan, at that time residing in Washington, immediately sent me a few plate number blocks of these values. The 1c with numbers 4889-90-92 and the 2c, ordinary, with number 4861. On receipt of the Bureau's list of printings, I called these plate numbers to the Director's attention and quote from his reply:

"In reply I beg to state that plates No. 4889-90-92 1c went to press December 1, 1908, and were dropped March 29, 1909. Plate No. 4861, 2c ordinary, Series of 1908, went to press on November 30, 1908, and was dropped on Dec. 1, 1908. This plate went to press again on January 4, 1909, and was dropped on April 2, 1909. Our records do not show, however, that stamps on experimental paper were printed from the above numbered plates."

The existence of these plate numbers on the experimental paper indicates that the earliest printings of the 1c and 2c values took place some time in January, 1909. Continuing with the Bureau list, we find that the 10c value was printed March 13 from plates 4940-41-43-44, and the 13c on March 20, from plates 4942-45-46-48. The 5c value went to press March 24 with plates 4928-29-30-31, and the 15c on April 6, with plates 4949-51-52-54.

As to the number printed of the 1c, 2c ordinary, and 2c Lincoln values, there seems to be a variety of figures available. In the most recent work "The Making of United States Stamps," published by George W. Linn Co., the author gives 1,480,000 one cent, 1,494,000 two cent ordinary, and 637,000 2c Lincoln. According to information furnished by the Director of the Bureau in March, 1909, there were 4,005 sheets used for the 1c, the same number for the 2c ordinary, and 1,754 sheets for the 2c Lincoln. Multiplying these figures by 400 we get 1,602,000 stamps of each of the 1c and 2c ordinary and 701,600 stamps of the 2c Lincoln. According to a statement furnished by the 3d Asst. Postmaster-General in February, 1910, the number printed of the other values are as follows:

3c	10 sheets,	4000 stamps
4c	11 sheets,	4400 stamps
5c	10 sheets,	4000 stamps
6c	13 sheets,	5200 stamps
8c	10 sheets,	4000 stamps
10c	10 sheets,	4000 stamps
13c	10 sheets,	4000 stamps
15c	10 sheets,	4000 stamps

The 1c, 2c ordinary and 2c Lincoln were placed on sale at the Washington P. O. as soon as they had been turned over by the Bureau, and the distinct grayish blue tinge of the paper made them easy of recognition. It was not until December, 1909, that the stamp collecting public became aware that any other value of Series 1908 had been printed on the experimental paper. During the first week of December, a prominent New York firm caused a violent sensation by announcing the 10c value on the experimental paper, offering the stamps at \$1.00 per copy. In January, 1910, the 6c was discovered and marketed at \$1 per copy by Chicago's leading stamp firm. A few days later a gentleman in Cleveland, O., offered the 15c at \$1.50 per copy. The 3c, 5c and 13c values were discovered in the Fall of 1910, and the 4c and 8c came on the market later on through the manipulations of a P. O. official. The values above 2c were never intended for public use, the printing simply having been done in order to observe the effect of the various colors when printed on the bluish paper. By mistake those small lots were included in the regular supply and sent out to postmasters. Of the 4c and 8c values, I never heard of any being discovered outside of the lot which came from the P. O. official referred to above. It will probably be a long time before the waves of stamp speculation will again run as high as they did when the experimental paper issue brought discovery on top of discovery in rapid succession.—Collectors Journal.

COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

N. Y. City, July 22.

To THE EDITOR:—

Referring to the valuable contribution of Mr. Barrett which I have read carefully, I think it may be of interest to those of your readers who are interested in the envelope dies of the United States issues to hear that I have decided to exhibit the dies of the 1864 Three Cent rose and brown at the coming International Exhibition at New York City. After ten years of intermittent work this task has been completely finished. Probably the most valuable result of my work is the establishment of the chronological sequence of the use of the five heads, i. e., that the head at present known as Head I was not issued prior to 1867 and should be designated as Head V. On the contrary, the head known at present as IV is really the first one, and is found as early as Dec. 14, 1864. In this connection it should be remembered that the Three Cent rose was issued in September 1864. Full details concerning this most interesting issue will be given in a monograph which will be submitted by me to the Judges of the International Exhibition, and en passant, I may add that my exhibit is made to compete for the first prize under Class B—U. S. "Original Research Work."

VICTOR M. BERTHOLD.

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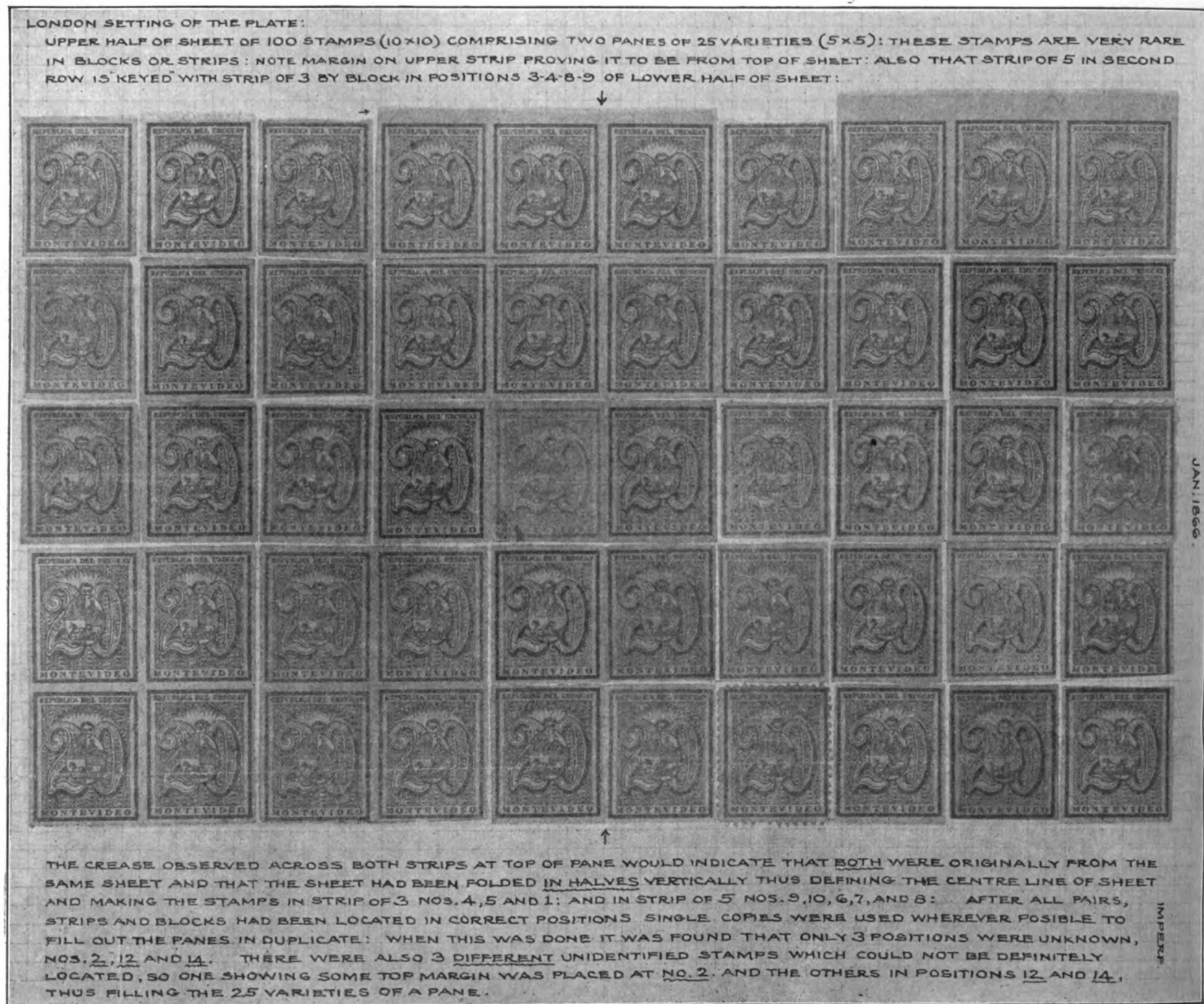
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It was in such a mood that I approached Aunt Mahala, our ignorant but big-hearted washer-woman. "Aunt Mahala," I began, after I had inquired solicitously in regard to her health, "I'm looking for old postage stamps this morning. Can you help me?"

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"Let's see it, Aunt," I begged, beginning to get a little excited. "What denomination is it?"

"I don't remember 'zactly," she replied, "but 'pears like it was green."

"Well, let's see it anyway."

Then followed a search through boxes and drawers, closets and clothes-chests, which lasted until I thought I would have a nervous fit from impatience. Finally every piece of Aunt's wardrobe was on the floor, as well as the miscellaneous contents of the six or eight bureau drawers. Aunt scratched her head despondently. "I know it's here somewhere," she insisted.

The big tall clock struck eleven. The better part of my morning was gone without results. Luck was not with me, and my face grew long.

Aunt Mahala began giggling as the clock finished striking and waddled across to the fireplace. "Here it is, child," she cried, as she reached be-

hind the time-piece with her fat, pudgy hand.

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THE EARLY UNITED STATES ENVELOPES.

By J. M. BARTELS.

In view of the broad knowledge of the dies of United States adhesives stamps, and the extent to which they have been exploited in the philatelic press and catalogues for many years, it is surprising indeed that so many extremely interesting and important dies of envelopes have remained unknown until a very recent date.

A noted British philatelist, the late Gilbert Harrison, some years ago, published the results of his study in an admirably illustrated work, but, unfortunately, this treatise was not extensively circulated in this country, and owing to a failure of the author to describe adequately and to intelligently elucidate the different dies, his otherwise well illustrated work failed to instil in American envelope specialists the incentive for greater knowledge and further research.

Not until some years had silently passed did it devolve upon a Boston collector, Mr. Victor M. Berthold, to delve anew with heart and soul into the subject of Nesbitt dies of United States envelopes, with the result of achieving as we can safely say: The subject is so exhaustively treated that it requires only ordinary intelligence and a little study for anyone to familiarize himself with this highly interesting envelope series.

The full results of Mr. Berthold's work were first published and illustrated in the *American Journal of Philately*, and later issued in handy book form by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. who spared no expense to preserve to American philately this important contribution, the subject of which had practically remained dormant for forty or fifty years.

A brief review of the most striking of these interesting discoveries may prove instructing and profitable to many of our readers. In the first issue of 1853, 3 cents in narrow curved label, we have no less than ten entirely different dies, each showing a different head of the venerable father of his country. The entire features, the eyebrow and the arrangement of the hair are strikingly different, varying from what we might call a Dutch cropped cut to a long queue of carefully groomed smooth strands of hair. As a general thing, the commoner the envelope in these early issues, the more different dies were employed, while there is nearly always but one variety of the old well known rarities, such as the 3c in broad label with straight ends, all ten cent envelopes and the higher denominations.

In the six cents green and red of the 1853 issue we find four heads. The "Dutch cut" Die 1 is very rare in green, especially on white. The lucky finder of one of these would have no trouble in getting many times the catalogue value of the ordinary die.

The 1859-60 1c and 3c envelopes form a highly interesting study. There are several dies of each, all of which can be readily distinguished at sight after a little practice. Many of the 1c, both envelopes and wrappers, being priced far in excess of catalogue quotations, and are in great demand. A noted wrapper rarity, the 1c on white paper, is in Mr. Worthington's collection and the only entire copy known. Perhaps the most interesting die is the 1c, in which the bust cuts into the frame both back and front. On orange it has been listed at \$15, and is the least rare. A cut square speci-

men on a buff envelope was found some time ago, but shape, size and other particulars have remained one of the isolated, unsolved mysteries anent the Nesbitt envelopes. The general catalogue gives no information about these rarities, yet their value is easily \$50 or more.

Mr. E. H. Mason possesses copies of the 3c of this issue on both blue and white watermarked letter sheets, similar to the 1861, which were regularly issued on blue. While these are of considerable value and great interest they are believed to be proofs or sample printings.

Another issue teeming with interest is the 3c of 1861. It is strange that no difference was even made between the narrow and broad dies of this envelope. They can be told at sight without making measurements. Of the former there are seven, and of the latter ten dies, the lettering varies greatly in size, especially the C in CENTS. Die 5, one of the narrow ones, is the rarest; the U in UNITED almost touches the circle below, and the lettering is very small. A fine entire copy unused on either white or buff would be cheap at \$25, while the ordinary variety lists \$1.50 and \$2.00 respectively.

The 2 cents black with head of Jackson issued in 1864 offers unsurpassed attractions, and many old envelope collectors, noticing striking differences, had formerly included a number of the different dies in their collections. The general catalogue distinguishes two dies with U. S. POSTAGE above, and two with U. S. POST; the latter are designated as 24 and 26 mm. in breadth. There are really eight dies of U. S. POSTAGE, of which four appear on wrappers only. The eighth is known as the "narrow 2" or Die B, and lists \$75 and \$100.

Of Die A there is only one envelope listed and priced at \$1.00 used or unused. In the common die the letter O is the highest in POSTAGE, and in the centre of the upper label, but if you are fortunate enough to have one with the S higher than the other letters it is at least twenty times as rare and valuable as the ordinary one.

Much could be written about the attractive features of the U. S. POST 2c black. A peculiar thing is that very few dies which appear on the wrappers are found on the envelopes, except in some cases on the larger size 5 on amber paper. Any die appearing on orange paper generally comes on buff also, but not on a wrapper.

A narrow U in U. S. is an indication of a rather common variety in Die C, which measures 24 mm. in width. If it happens to be a broad die (Die D) with the same narrow U, you have a greater rarity than the above mentioned Die B, listing \$75 and \$100. This rarity comes on a buff envelope only, and is missing in nearly all collections. It is without question the rarest of all Nesbitt Dies; in fact, I am not exaggerating in stating that it is the very rarest of any die of any United States envelope. Mr. E. H. Mason has an entire unused copy, and Mr. J. S. Rich in New York a fine cut square, but I have never seen or heard of any others. No general catalogue gives you any information about this unsuspected treasure, but if you study up your early envelopes you will have many a chance of picking up really rare and

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The 1864 issue is the last of the Nesbitt series as George H. Reay became the contractor in 1870. The 3c and 6c are the only other dies which show differences. The 6c is easily dismissed. Of both the pink and the purple there are but two dies, varying in the head of Washington, the arrangement of the central part of the hair showing the distinction readily, although there are differences also in the letters. It might be well to remember that "Head 1" does not come on buff paper, but amber and white only, while all 6c buff are Head 3.

The 3c rose and brown of this issue shows many varieties. The narrow and the broad dies are easily distinguished, and are as fully entitled to recognition as the narrow and broad 2c. The broad die is much the scarcer in rose, and a decided rarity in rose on buff, but in white it is fairly common on the small note size envelope. This issue is further divided into five different heads of Washington. The fifth is rare, and most frequently found on a thin second quality of buff paper.

The Scott catalogue made a good beginning by including in the 1905-06 editions the principal distinctions of many of these interesting dies, which had commenced to be more appreciated by collectors. Instead of continuing the improvements initiated several years ago we soon found that this valuable information entirely vanished in the 1907 edition, and philatelists are once more deprived of much that is well worth knowing. Many generalists may not care to collect all dies, but nearly every collector wants to know all he can about any specimen that may happen to come his way. The Standard American Catalogue should be looked upon primarily as a disseminator of knowledge, and not as a dictator to the collector, as to what he should collect and what he should leave alone!

The Nesbitt dies of United States envelopes are fully as worthy of the attention of collectors as the different Plimpton and later issues, which for years have been listed as Die A, B, B2, B3, D, etc.

The time is rapidly approaching when the early U. S. envelopes will receive their well merited attention, and no collection either cut square or entire can possibly make any claim to completeness as long as these important dies are ignored. They are as worthy of study and a place in a collection as many types listed in adhesive stamps, such as types I to IV of the 1c, 1851-57, the 2c 1890 with caps, the 2c green and 2c black Navy Department, which are only proofs, which is shown by the fact that both exist imperf. while the normal color does not. The green is catalogued as an error, while its mate in black is omitted.

The Nesbitt envelopes offer an especially attractive field for study and research to both the young and more advanced collector. May the few facts set forth here encourage many to give the subject its due share of philatelic attention.

PRINTING PLANT FOR CHILE.

The government of Chile is getting estimates on a complete printing plant including everything that is necessary for engraving and printing postage and revenue stamps, bank notes, and bonds, to cost approximately \$100,000. This certainly forecasts something philatelic on the part of Chile.

AEROPLANE CANCELLATIONS.

By ARTHUR T. BROWNE, B. P. S., 543.

There is an old, old saying, "Tell your troubles to a policeman," and believe me, it still holds good. Having been afflicted with the aero cancellation bug, I have had considerable trouble (and also much pleasure) in trying to round up the various aeroplane cancellations as they came along. After having written a score or more letters to newspapermen, stamp collectors, postoffice officials and others at Eureka, Cal., I was about to throw up my hands and quit when I finally decided to try the Chief of Police, the above mentioned quotation having come to my mind. I sat right down and pounded out a few lines on the typewriter to the Chief of Police at Eureka, and behold, back came an answer with the much desired and sought-after aeroplane cancellation.

At New Era Park (Humboldt Bay), Eureka, Cal., April 21 and 22, 1913, mail was carried by aviator Weldon B. Cooke for a distance of two miles. Cooke started from the park and winged his way across the bay to the Eureka side. The mail sack was dropped from a height of 600 feet. The sack was picked up by a carrier from the Eureka postoffice. Through the kindness of B. W. Coggeshall, president of the Coggeshall Launch Company, lessees of the New Era Park, I obtained this information.

The aeroplane cancellation consisted of the regular circular postmark and black ink was used. At the top were the words "Aeroplane Post". In the center were the words "U. S. Mail" and at the bottom were the words "Eureka, Calif." An oddity about this cancellation was the fact that no date was used in the postmark.

I still have the "Help Wanted" sign out for aero cancellations from Boonville, Ind.; and Providence, Ky. The first was used August 26-31, 1912, and the second July 22-27, 1912. Cannot some reader help me out with cards with these cancellations?

THE THREE-CENT 1908 PERF. 12.

We are indebted to J. R. Hammerle, Scranton, Pa., for the submission of an official communication from A. M. Dockery, Third Assistant Postmaster General, giving the facts in connection with the three-cent 1908 perf. 12. We quote from Mr. Dockery's letter as follows:—

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THE CONVERSION OF EDDY FYNE.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

The first time I saw Eddy Fyne he was
slumbering in my hammock. On the
ground, at his side, sat Jimmy O', deep
in a game of solitaire. They had ridden
in before daylight, silently staked out
their horses, and patiently awaited signs
of life in my shack. There were none,
for I was asleep on my cot, the far-side
the tent-house, in the open. When I
awoke in the gray of dawn, I ambled
around the corner of the shack. From
the contour of Jimmy's back, I knew
there was something adrift in that brain
of his besides solitaire. It couldn't bode
good for Jimmy's companion.

Eddy had a sweetly childish face,—
also the reddest hair and the curliest I
had ever seen. Also, he was the typi-
cal cow-puncher even in sleep.

As soon as Jimmy O' heard my foot-
step, without turning his head or saying
"hello!" he began his usual monologue.
"As I was tellin' my recumbent an'
slumberin' friend, you are the most hos-
pitable man off the range. You 'low us
to occupy your best hammock; you per-
mit me to play solitaire on the spot
where your lawn refuses to grow; you
let us feed an' anchor our cayuses any-
where we opine; you sure grub us like
men when we ought to eat husks with
the swine."

Jimmy rolled a cigarette, deftly lighted
a match with his fingernail, ostentatious-
ly, however, touching it to Eddy's curls,
and then resumed:

"And you let us read your papers an'
books an' look at your stamps. Now
Eddy, here, opines he hates stamps, so
I bought a book—'Care an' Feedin' O'
Infants'—when I was over in Phenicia
las' month. Then I played poker with
Eddy, loser to read the book. Nine
games I won, so far, off Eddy. He sure
has got the infant dope properly broke.
Why, las' week they was a Mex. kid at
El Rancho Chiquita had colic or some-
thin'—fit to die. Eddy saved his life,
all o' them poker games he lost. I tell
you, Eddy's some doctor. Took charge
o' that kid's grub an' his ma's diet an'
now—now you ought to see him—the
kid."

Eddy, showing signs of awaking, Jim-
my promptly yelled "Yi! Yah!" in his
ear. Eddy immediately rolled out of the
hammock, hit the ground full length,
gasped for breath, and finally sat up,
speechless.

"Some day he'll be hammock-broke,"
said Jimmy, with his slow grin. "Mean-
time, seein' he's shed his gun, we're safe."

Eddy rose slowly to his feet, was prop-
erly introduced, and at Jimmy's instiga-
tion, explained why he chose the ham-
mock instead of the ground for his slum-
bers.

"You see, it's this way. Jimmy O',
here, was brought up in a hammock,
holdin' hands bein' his strongest point."

"Yep. Poker hands," interjected Jim-
my O'.

"Me, I was born on the range," con-
tinued Eddy.

"Nursed by a wolf, like the Roman
twins, which makes him so fierce,"
grinned Jimmy.

"An' this hammock game continues
new to me," completed Eddy.

Then Eddy looked at his disenchanter
again, crawled in carefully, and, to Jim-
my's sharp—"in agin—an' out agin"—
promptly rolled out the opposite side,
flop.

"Me—I stick to the ground," Eddy de-
clared, finally, as he sagged against the
cool sides of the water barrel.

"So I see—so I see," said Jimmy.
Which causes me to recall the time that
Michigan kid rode the range for four
months an' four days, because his pa
owned the ranche, an' the kid an' he was

some sore at each other, all on account
o' a girl. Now the kid had ideas, an' he
was hammock-broke—used to sit in one
o' nights, an' swing an' swing till he
near swung himself to sleep—him an'
the girl. The kid had ideas, too, as I
said before. But ride! Say! he
wouldn't learn horse in 'leven-teen years.
Swim, though, like a fish, an' always in
the water when he wasn't in the saddle.
Now me—I used to swim nine strokes
er more in my innocent youth—"

"—which was innocent in a pre-vi-ous
existence," interpolated Eddy.

Jimmy O' rolled another cigarette,
lighted the match via Eddy's hair, and
swept on with his narrative.

"Rio Salada is sure tame up Blue
Point way, except in flood-time. Then
she's worse'n an outlaw broncho. Well,
one morning the river come up flyin',—
rose 'leven feet—me on one side, with a
big bunch o' cattle, an' the kid on the
other with a big bunch o' grub. Say!
I near choked I was so hungry—an'
'leven feet o' water only a stone's throw
between. Me—I know the ole Rio
Salada. The kid don't. Well, sir, as
we sat there, lookin' calm an' pleasant
an' feelin' properly unfit, along comes a
dead sheep. Then another. Then more
sheep. Then a burro, laigs up.

"When I see that burro, I knew what's
next. An' then, sir, along floats a herd-
er, hangin' to a log.

"Now the river makes a bend half a
mile down an' they's a whirlpool there.
That herder—I knew him—he sure was
white as any Mex. you ever see. He
called out somethin' an' shook his head.
One arm was hangin' loose—broke—an'
he couldn't do much but hang on. Me—
I just run fer my cayuse, but the kid
yelled at me an' took a dive into that
there yellow hell. I seen my best hold
was to catch 'em at the whirl, as they
come out—if they did. So I raced fer
it, an' got there just in time to see the
kid helpin' that Mex. by his good arm
an' both windin' their laigs around that
log. Then, sir,—well, I took plum' sick
to my stummick, fer they both disap-
peared. What seemed to me 'bout a
week er mebbe ten days later they popped
up an' floated off down stream, the kid
hangin' to that Mex. some fierce. That
time they was both still. Me—I swum
out on Pinto an' got 'em. The Mex.
was mighty grateful—and the kid—"

Jimmy rocked back and forth in joy-
ous laughter.

"The kid 'lowed I was the one who
was doin' the great an' noble—me!
Swimmin' ole Pinto into smooth water
an' towin' them two ashore!"

I knew the spot; also, I knew that
half a mile below the place Jimmy O'
made his entry into the water, which ran
like a mill-race, was another and a far
worse swirl wherein was no hope for
neither man nor beast. Jimmy knew it,
too,—only he didn't know that I knew,—
which is the reason he told the tale.

Jimmy rolled another cigarette.

"The kid an' the Mex. an' me there—
we was so busy we didn't notice the kid's
pa an' a lady lookin' on, havin' just rode
up. Say, just about that time I had
stage-fright somethin' fierce. But it was
all right Pa was busy forgivin' the kid
—an' the lady—say, I got the cards las'
week—named him Jimmy, too."

"Might send 'em the 'Care an'
Feedin'," interpolated Eddy.

"No, sir; you need that there book,
'specially the care," carromed Jimmy.

"Nope. I yearn fer one more game,"
said Eddy.

"An' fer the tenth time you read up on
babies," chortled Jimmy.

"No, sir," declared Eddy, finally; "not
fer me. I know it all by heart, now,
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tors made," he said as he passed over
the seven-dollar outfit.

"Born, Jimmy O', born," corrected
Eddy. "I been wantin' that collection
ever since I read that kid book fer the
ninth time. I sure couldn't go it ten an'
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EDITORIAL.

Shrinkage.—In a letter from Mr. Wm. L. Stevenson, we have received two specimens of the ten cent, 1861, United States, to illustrate the following remarks: "I have several times mentioned that there are some interesting things to be found in shrinkage specimens in U. S. stamps. I enclose for your inspection two of the ten cent, 1861, which may be of interest. The tall stamp, by comparison, is the normal one and the other specimen, the squat one, is the exception which I have found in the ratio of one to forty-three of the skinny stamps. The difference comes from excessive vertical shrinkage and is so noticeable that the stamps scarcely seem to be of the same design when the two stamps are matched together. Such a difference in any foreign stamp would excite much comment." The difference in the size of the colored impressions is striking; one stamp is 24 mms. and the other 25 mms. in height. Some months ago not a few correspondents had their fling at size variations in the printed designs of the two cent Columbian in particular as our columns at the time attested. The explanation given for the difference in size was shrinkage in the steel of the plate in cooling and shrinkage in the paper which is dampened for the printing of the stamps.

Other Instances.—In saying that a difference in size so marked as the one in question in a foreign stamp would occasion talk, Mr. Stevenson is right. Old philatelists will remember how the varying sizes of the colored impressions of the Ceylon pence issues was once the subject of speculation and controversy. Later, in the maple leaf and numeral issues of Canada, the variation in frame sizes has been pointed out. An examination of the Catalogue for Advanced Collectors will show references to the size varieties under Austria, Ceylon and other countries, we believe, and the explanation given to account

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for the variations was on the basis of shrinkage of the steel at some temperatures under given conditions in the making of the plate. We understand that a shrinkage in paper sometimes follows dampening and there has been a tendency latterly to attribute many of the vagaries to be found in the size of the printed impression of stamps to the "cutting up" of the paper on which the stamps are printed. Probably both of these causes enter into the effect that has been spoken of.

In Australia.—Writing from Australia, a reader says: "We now have the whole of the new Australian stamps in use in some of the states but they are being placed on sale only as the old issues run out. Some of the values of the old issues for which the demand is small and consequently the stock large, comparatively speaking, may be in use for some time in different of the states. It is said that the one penny kangaroo stamp has been found with the watermark sideways, but this variation is likely to occur in all the other values as well unless great care is taken in the printing, as the sheets on which the stamps are printed are square in shape." For some time after the watermarked stamps of the United States appeared in 1895, misplaced watermarks attracted attention as novelties but it was not long before interest in such stamps simmered down almost altogether.

New Regulations.—Philatelists should know that "On and after August 15th, 1913, the limit of weight of parcels of fourth-class mail for delivery within the first and second zones shall be increased from 11 pounds to 20 pounds. The rate of postage on parcels exceeding four ounces in weight shall be five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional two pounds or fraction thereof, when intended for local delivery, and five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound or fraction thereof when intended for delivery at other offices within the first and second zones." We have quoted from the order of the postmaster-general on the subject. According to the schedule showing the new tariff which is based on the explanation given, 24 cents is the highest rate and that is charged on 20 pounds, second zone. More and more, the parcel post is being perfected as an economic factor and it has become the express company of the people. It may be interposed here that our remarks in this column recently about the difficulty found generally in securing perfectly centered blocks of parcel post stamps struck a responsive chord and we assure those who have wept their tales of woe into our ears that our sympathy is on tap and runs as readily as their tears. Speaking of tears, who is getting the parcel post due stamps of the higher denomination?

You Should Ask Us.—In the column of sporting briefs in the Chicago Daily

News for August 1st, there appeared the following unobtrusive paragraph: "President Britton has placed the entire Card team on the market demonstrating she is not averse to starting a stamp collection." The effect of the publication of the insignificant note was magical; and after having read it certain of our readers of hitherto impeccable character began to run around in circles. One of them wasted a stamp to say that the remark was almost as bad as a Knick-Knack and of course his case is hopeless. On behalf of those who wanted to know what the paragraph meant, we consulted the more or less Delphic oracle, P. M. Wolsieffer who after undergoing a protracted period of pain, sighfully said: "Too deep for me. What is it?" Who knows?

We Want Him.—From a man who we hope will become the government's philatelist, we learn that the governmental collection is in storage and boxed up in the National Museum at Washington. We suppose that in due course of time the government will make a yearly appropriation for the purpose of keeping the collection up to date but even if we are too hopeful in this regard, it will be something to know that the stamps are under the care of capable custodian. We trust to be able to announce soon who has been chosen for the position.

The Registry Stamp.—In order to correct any misunderstanding that may have been gained from our paragraph regarding the use of the registry stamp for postage, we hasten to quote from the departmental order; and it will be seen that the registry stamp is good for postage on foreign mail, registered, only: "Registered mail reaching the office of address or an exchange office in case of mail addressed to a foreign country, with registry stamps affixed representing the full amount of postage in addition to the registry fee shall be delivered to the addressee, or dispatched to the foreign country, without additional charge. If the registry stamps so used do not represent the full amount of postage in addition to the registry fee, the deficient postage at the single rate only shall be charged."

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this really is Gehenna there is a certain auction dealer I'd particularly like to see here. In fact I may say that if he has not misinterpreted my last communication he must know that he has an appointment with me. Yours, Tu Tin Lungs. P. S. I really believe he is happier here than he was at home. I know I am."

OUR REVIEW.

We have received from Wm. E. Ault, secretary of the A. P. S., the "Annual Report of the Committee on Philatelic Literature." The book is uniform with the handbooks previously issued and is sent free to members of the society. Its price to non-members is 25c. The book is a catalog of books and periodicals issued from July, 1911, to August 10, 1912. The books comprise all issued throughout the world, while the periodicals are confined to the English language. The catalog is compiled by Wm. R. Ricketts and associated with him are Chas. A. Nast and E. R. Aldrich. The book will prove a very valuable aid to the literature lover.

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SOME CANADIAN PUBLICITY CANCELLATIONS.

A GOOD PROSPECT.

Already we hear the distant approach of business, indeed it is near at hand. It will be seen that Maxwell Krause again resumes his regular advertisement this week and will be with us regularly. F. H. Lord, of San Francisco, also has a regular advertisement. Stegmann, of St. Louis will be with us for at least three months.

Two new contracts have been written during the past week, one with L. W. Charlat and the other with the Western Stamp Co. Mr. Charlat is a well-known member of the New York dealing fraternity and specializes in the stamps of Central and South America. With the thought that the U. S. is to establish a protectorate over Nicaragua he feels that his introductory advertisement should be a puller. The Western Stamp Co. is a newer firm. Its manager, L. L. Krippner, is a member of the A. P. S.

J. A. Galbraith writes that he will use larger space while the Exhibition is on. Naturally so. That reminds us that our Exhibition Special will appear October 18, and there will be no increase in advertising rates. We shall issue a fine number in every way—a missioner of great merit and every attendant at the Exhibition will have one.

It's time for you to get busy!
THE MANAGING EDITOR.

KNICK-KNACKS.

The publisher of a stamp paper wants a stamp auctioneer to sell his brain-child in an early sale. Hurry, Mr. Auctioneer, ere it is too late.

A stamp thief caught in the act told the dealer apologetically that he was dazed by the heat. On a cold day, he would have turned the trick successfully, we infer.

"It pains me as a precisian to find that you refer to Australia as the 'fifth continent' and I trust that I shall not be given the pain to reprobate you publicly again," says one who we must admit reluctantly is a subscriber. No

man who calls himself a precisian can talk to us that way; and we jerk the Standard Dictionary on him: "The land of the globe is sometimes divided into two continents, the eastern and the western; sometimes into four, Africa, Asia, and Europe being separately enumerated; more commonly into five, Australia being reckoned as one; still oftener into six, North and South America being counted separately; and sometimes the hypothetical continuous land at the south pole is reckoned as another."

A "special cable," inspired evidently by the recent philatelic exhibition at Paris, to the Philadelphia Press says that it has been reported that the wonderful collection of the Duke of Galliera is to be given to the Galliera Museum. M. le Renotiere, as he prefers to be called, is an elderly man now but in the decade, 1880 to 1890, he and his collection were the subject of more comment in the form of newspaper "fillers" than perhaps any collector from that day to this. Despite his eccentricities as a collector, he has a most amazing accumulation of stamps for which he has a veritable passion, as it has been described to us. It is good news to hear that the collection was to be preserved and will not come on the market. While the newspaper account is not clear whether the collection is to be given before or at his death, we believe that the stamps will not be transferred during M. le Renotiere's life-time.

"I subscribed for the WEEKLY 10 weeks last spring and it run out a couple months ago but is still coming. I should have wrote you sooner to stop it; but I thought you would stop it. I like the paper but can't afford to get it. I am an invalid and can't walk nor never will and I only have a small, about 500, stamp collection. Will you not put a letter in the paper about Christmas for me to get people to send me stamps like you did for another cripple last year? I would appreciate it. Please let me know. Will an envelope with two very lightly cancelled 1c Parcel Post stamps ever be valuable? Ira M. Kells, R. D. 6, New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania." Good people, why wait until Christmas? We have given a year's subscription.

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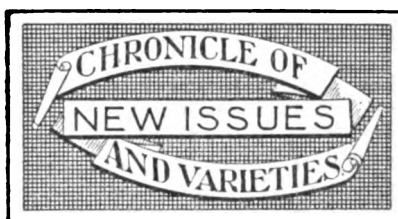
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding pre-cancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge lists the following new precancels:

Chicago, Ill.—(1153) 1c 1913, inverted, double, Parcel Post.

Detroit, Mich.—(No. 1160) 2c 1912.

J. M. Stonier sends the Lincoln post card printed in green instead of carmine. The new card was placed on sale in Washington, D. C., July 26. The one sent us being the third one sold.

AUSTRALIA.—The Kangaroo set is being issued perforated "O S" for official use, several values already having been seen with this perforation, according to our English contemporaries.

BAHAMAS.—Ewen's Weekly notes that the current stamps have appeared in a new printing, the 4d coming in a paler shade of orange and the 6d in pale bistre brown. The 1sh has the lettering of value much thicker.

BELGIUM.—Lemaire's Journal says that the 2fr stamp, with large portrait of the King has not yet been issued, though announced some time since. The 40c value has been issued with the larger portrait. The same journal says that it is proposed to issue a 10fr stamp for telegraphic purposes.

BRAZIL.—The official series announced in No. 1173 has made its appearance, according to Lemaire's Journal, though in a little different form than was expected. Whether fiscal or official stamps is not clear. The inscriptions read: "Deposito" and "Brazil Correio" with the value in the centre. There are 13 values.

Official (or Fiscal) Adhesives.

100r olive gray.
200r lilac brown.
500r blue.
1m slate.
2m green.
5m orange.
10m brown.
20m brown green.
50m brown red.
100m blue green.
200m gray lilac.
500m red violet.
1000m gray.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—The 11d stamp, an odd value hitherto unknown in British Colonial stamps was issued for use on parcels post mail to Australia.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—According to Lemaire's Journal, the Greek Government of Crete will commemorate the liberation of Crete from the Turkish rule by the issue of a special stamp of 25 lepta. The stamps have already been ordered in England, the printing being limited to 300,000 copies. The stamps will be placed on sale in the Cretan post-offices for one year only, the sale of large quantities being forbidden. The design will show the Venetian fort at the entrance to the harbor and will bear the dates Feb. 14, and May 14, the dates of Turkish depol and Greek accession.

FRANCE.—French Philatelists were treated to a variety of special stamps during the recent International Philatelic Exposition and Congress. The stamps particularly issued for the Exposition had a fine portrait of President Poincaré, and were printed in brown, red, orange, green, violet and blue. The same colors were printed on white envelopes and green postcards. During the visit of the President to the Exposition, a few stamps with his portrait were printed in brown violet, which were immediately sold at two to three francs each. Another type of stamp was issued for the Congress, showing the head of Liberty in an oval, surrounded by the flags of various countries, those of France and the United States being in the foreground. These stamps were also printed in the colors named above. No official stamp seems to have suggested that the Government would be wrecked by allowing the philatelists to have an interesting souvenir of an important occasion.

GOLD COAST.—Ewen's Weekly says it is reported that the Georgian issue is not likely to appear until towards the end of the year, and then only each value as the Edwardians are exhausted.

GUATEMALA.—J. T. Perdomo again raises the question of the perforated official stamps. There seems to be no doubt that all the current postage stamps were perforated "Official" for Government purposes. In doing so, however, the sheets appear to have been fed into the perforating machines so carelessly as to produce an infinite variety. Thus they may be found reading correctly from the face, both normal and inverted, and also reading from the back, normal and inverted. The Chronicle has already mentioned the 20c with perpendicular perforation. If readers interested will send us a list of what they have, or better yet, submit their specimens we will make up a list for publication.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The Australian Philatelist says the last of the stock of New South Wales postage stamps from

½d to 2sh 6d have been sent to the General Postoffice at Sydney. They are not likely to last very long. The 5sh, 10sh and 20sh are practically sold out. There has been very little demand for the latter values. The 5sh, 10sh and 20sh punctured "O. S." are likely to be destroyed.

NICARAGUA.—The L. L. Albright Co. shows us a used block of six of the 2c green Liberty stamps, with the "Cordoba" surcharge, the value being "dos centavos."

NORWAY.—The Norwegians will next year celebrate the Centenary of the separation of the country from Denmark by the issue of a commemorative series of stamps. There will be three values, 5, 10, and 20 ore. The design will represent the taking of the Oath to the Constitution, after the well known picture by Oscar Wergeland. The stamps will be only available for one year, or until they are exhausted. A new permanent series is being prepared for Norway.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—Lemaire's Journal says that Portugal proposes a veritable scandal in philatelic matters by the creation of 32 series of eight stamps for the various Colonies. These new series are to be composed as follows: The Vasco de Gama stamps of Macao and Timor will be issued with the "Republica" surcharge. The Vasco de Gama series of Portuguese Africa Macao and Timor will be surcharged with the value in centavos, and presumably with the name of the Colony, for use in Angola, Cape Verde, Congo, Guinea, Inhambane, Lourenço Marques, Mozambique, Quelimane, St. Thomas & Prince Island and Tete. Thus no less than 256 stamps will be added to the list at a stroke.

URUGUAY.—Lemaire's Journal says that the 20c Artigas stamp has been issued in lithographed form, the 5m, 1c, 2c, 4c and 5c having previously been issued.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from A. W. Whitten, L. B. Foster, Johnston Craig, Hugo Kuentler (4), Mrs. W. E. Underwood and Harry E. Klotzbach.

—There appeared in the Philadelphia Press of recent date a very readable article on the probable gift of the Ferrary collection to the Paris Museum. It was sent by special cable and the article is copyrighted so that we are unable to reprint the same in our columns. It is an article calculated to do great good for philately in the publicity that it gives the hobby.

—We have received a beautiful art calendar from the International Stamp Co. of DeGraff, Ohio. This firm seems to make a specialty of remembrances of this kind.

—E. Russell Jones sends us a clipping from the Philadelphia Ledger announcing the death of John C. Allen of Beverly, N. J. Mr. Allen was financial manager of the S. L. Allen & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., and was widely known as a philatelist. He had a very fine collection of stamps, but we are unable to give any particulars.

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COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

10 Rue du Congres,
NICE, FRANCE, July 12, 1913.

TO THE EDITOR:—

For the last six months I have been travelling in Spain, northern part of Africa and Italy and though busy hunting the elusive antique, I was always very happy to get my MEKEEL's and through it keep in touch with philatelic doings at home. We have decided to spend a year or so on the Riviera and I would greatly appreciate it if you will have my paper sent to the address above.

I am sorry I will miss the stamp Exhibition next Fall, which promises to be worth while. I would be greatly obliged to you if you will mention my new address. Wishing you and your paper a still greater success, I am,
VINCENT GURDJ, A. P. S. 120.

ARLINGTON, MASS., August 2, 1913.

TO THE EDITOR:—

We were greatly interested in Mr. Campbell's article in the last WEEKLY on the boy collectors of Kellogg, Idaho. Having contributed (without our consent) a book of United States stamps valued at \$14.75 net, we feel that we have a personal as well as a monetary interest in the philatelic education of this Club. Under the circumstances, therefore, it may not be thought presuming if we suggest some additions to the working rules of the Club.

For instance, in the hunt for stamps, these "stamp fiends" (this is Mr. Campbell's name, not ours) should remember that richer hunting grounds lie outside than within the precincts of Kellogg, Idaho.

Further, in applying for stamps from outside dealers, it is well to stand in with the local bank, so that the references can be fixed when necessary.

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there are greater educational facilities in it, not to mention the monetary gain.

Always ask for a large selection of high-priced stamps, as they are better to trade with, as it takes no more correspondence to try to get them back than it does a sheet of common Continentals.

Always claim that books of stamps have been returned in the mail; that is, if you take the trouble to answer letters asking for the return of approval books. This is not necessary but courteous. Dealers have too high a regard for the safety and reliability of Uncle Sam's mails, and it will be doing them a service to teach them that this confidence is misplaced.

Strict attention to these rules, and those already in force in the Club, will soon give the boy collectors of Kellogg, Idaho, as unenviable a reputation as that already enjoyed by the boys of the East Side of New York City.

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SHIFTED TRANSFERS OF U. S. STAMPS.

By CARROLL CHASE, M. D.

In studying my United States stamps I have found shifted transfers to be among the most interesting minor varieties. They have sometimes proven quite puzzling, and these remarks on how they occur are the result of some careful study of many of them.

"Double transfers," "shifted transfers," "shifts," or "misstrikes," as they are variously known, occurring in line engraved stamps show on the finished stamp as a reduplication of some part of the design. They are due to one of several different accidents in making the plate. One of these is explained in Luff's work on United States stamps and is the only method that I have seen given in print. It is as follows: "In making the plate it sometimes happens that the transfer roll is set down upon it, slightly out of the intended position. The pressure on the roll forces into the soft plate those lines which are most in relief. When the incorrect position of the roll is noticed it is removed to the proper place, and the impression is then 'rocked' into the plate. As a result of this twice placing the design, some of the lines are duplicated." This is absolutely correct as far as it goes, but there are at least two, and possibly three, other ways in which the shift may occur.

Probably the commonest way of all is in re-entering a design. Here the transfer roll is used to deepen a faint or worn impression on the plate made previously by the same or a similar transfer roll. As may readily be understood it is a difficult matter to place the roll exactly over the previous impression. If it is not placed exactly right the result is a shifted transfer.

Another way that a shift may occur is as follows. One or more designs may be rocked upon the plate in a wrong position. The mistake is noticed and the workman turns the plate over, puts it on a hard smooth surface and hammers the wrongly placed impressions out, from the back. The most deeply rolled parts of the design may not be entirely effaced so that they still show on the plate where the designs are rocked in the correct place. This identical thing happened with Plate 5493 of the 1908 Hudson Fulton stamps. Four designs had been rocked in the upper right corner of the plate (upper left hand corner of the sheet of stamps) when it was noticed that the design was a little too low on the plate. They were hammered out from the back, but the design was not entirely removed and as a result, stamps number 1, 2 and 4 in this sheet are shifts.

Another theoretical way for a shift to occur is for either the plate or the transfer roll to slightly shift its position while the design is being rocked on the plate. In actual practice both the plate and transfer roll are held so firmly in place that I understand the chance for this accident to occur is practically nil.

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The term "shifted die" is often seen in print. This really is not correct as the "die" has nothing to do with this accident.

The difference between double printings and shifts should be kept in mind. One is an error in plate making, the other in printing.

The list of shifted transfers in United States postage stamps is much larger than most collectors realize. For example, there are over fifty shifts in the 3c 1851 and the list of stamps that show shifts includes the 5c New York, 5c 1847 (so slight a shift that it can be recognized only in the proofs), 10c 1847, 1c (Type 2 and 4) 3c and 12c 1851, the 1c (Type 2 and 4), 3c (Type 1 and 2) and 10c (Type 2) 1857, the 1c 1873 and 1879, the 3c 1873, the 5c Taylor (Continental), the 1c and 2c 1893 (Columbian), and the 2c 1909 Hudson-Fulton. It is quite possible that other stamps show shifts. Several are also known among the revenues.

If anyone knows any other way by which a shift may occur the writer would be pleased to hear of it.—Philatelic Gazette.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Bergedorf.

(Continued from page 248.)

THE 1/2 SCHILLING.

The 1/2 schilling has the value inscribed as "EIN HALBER" in the left border and, as we have already stated, measures 15 3/4 mm. square. This value was printed in black on blue paper and it is the only one in which any color variation is noticeable. The paper chosen was of a pale blue tint but during the process of printing this paper ran out of stock and the additional supply obtained was of a much deeper tint.

This value was printed in sheets of 200 divided into two panes of 100 each and arranged in rather a curious manner. From the design on the original "die stone" the workman took twelve transfers which he arranged in a block in two vertical rows of six each. This block was then transferred to the lithographic stone sixteen times and the eight additional impressions required to complete the sheet of 200 were added to the base as shown in the annexed diagram:

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Then came the next step. If a firm could use Reclame-Marken so to advertise its wares, why should not the management of exhibitions, which are always epidemic in Germany, use them to make known their shows? To see the opportunity was to seize it. The Nurembergers, for example, were preparing an "International Dog Show." Forthwith appeared Reclame-Marken, two inches long and an inch wide, upon which a smart bull-terrier sat with ears cocked, upon a yellow bench against a blue background. Or Munich was about to open a summer show of the products of Bavarian industry. Its designers set to work, and a stately woman in blue and white Bavarian dress stood between two artisans in their aprons, laying approving hands upon their shoulders—all in delicate colors, finally touched in with gold and prettily lettered. Or Cassel in Prussia, about to celebrate the thousandth anniversary of the foundation of the city, took a green eagle from its coat-of-arms or a purple tower from its old battlements and set them on little Reclame-Marken.

ENTER ARTISTRY.

It was next the turn of the designers, the manufacturing stationers, the color-printers and the lithographers, and they proceeded forthwith to the making of the Kunst-Reclame-Marken. They had plentiful incentive. Spreading swiftly, widely and incomprehensibly, as such fads and fashions do, the stamps became the favorite form of polite advertising in Germany. Orders poured upon designers and makers. The North German Lloyds must have not one but a whole series, picturing their best-known ships. The proprietors of winter and summer resorts ordered stamps to proclaim the charm of their prospects, or the pleasure of their sports. Magazines commanded them, reproducing their title-pages or a characteristic illustration. Private firms of any distinction or enterprise at all found Reclame-Marken necessary to their prestige. An exhibition without its series became unthinkable. They were even ordered and struck as souvenirs of a particular occasion. And for every variety of stamp there were the thousands of sheets to go to the stationers for the tens of thousands of collectors.

Designers, engravers and color-printers multiplied their zeal and ambitious clients gave them a free hand. Once commercial, the Reclame-Marken now became artistic. The designs were finer of line, more adroit of composition, more delicate and shaded of color. Ideas and fancies, humor and imagina-

tion began to play over the stamps. Bidden to proclaim a sale at Leipzig, the artist produced an ingenious and humorous stamp, two inches square, of receding "sandwich-men" as individually characterized as though he were making an etching. The association of hotel keepers met a month ago at Ulm, and another designer produced a souvenir stamp that set the correctest and austere of waiters against the distant spire of the cathedral by which the rest of the world knows Ulm. So played humor and fancy. Higher artistry, finer and deeper imagination, a still more adept skill in line and color, produced a banner-bearer on horseback for a Bavarian centenary, and dragoons, horses, uniforms, and all the glorified paraphernalia of war for the multitude of anniversaries this summer of the German victories over Napoleon a hundred years ago. In these the Reclame-Marken are less stamps than little pictures.

THE FINAL STAGE.

Out of these Kunst-Reclame-Marken sprang what for the instant is the final stage of the stamps—the stamp that exists for itself and advertises nothing. Presumably it is designed primarily to add ten and twenty and a hundred to the specimens that collectors covet. Quite as often, it gives its momentary pleasure as a little work of art, and almost always it has some suggestion or association. In Reclame-Marken it is possible to buy exceedingly good little lithographs of every uniform in the German army, of every conspicuous ship in the German navy, and before long the other armies of Europe and the United States will be added to them. Another series sets out fantastically the birds and beasts of the Nuremberg Zoological Gardens—the gayest of parrots riding the most complacent of zebras, the rhinoceros and the elephant amicably touching horn to trunk and so forth, to make a new "beastary" in the fashion of the middle ages. You may buy in Reclame-Marken the portraits of illustrious German writers, artists, composers, generals, statesmen. Even the theatre has not escaped, and no less a designer than Porchon of Munich has put the four "Ring" operas into a series of blue and black and gold stamps, wonderfully delicate of line, color and suggestion—the Rhine Maidens circling the gold; Wotan laying Brünnhilde to sleep in the fore; Siegfried and the Dragon; Brünnhilde again with her steed.

COMPARISONS AND CONTRASTS.

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About sixteen years ago a Mr. Griffin, mayor of a small town in New South Wales, Australia, started a chain letter in the name of his daughter, Miss Griffin, with the idea of endowing with the proceeds a hospital.

The plan was to construct a 180-link chain by Miss Griffin writing to three of her friends and asking them to send her ten used postage stamps, and also for them to each write to three of their friends to do the same. The idea was to eventually sell the cancelled stamps received to a stamp dealer for sale to collectors, and to use the money thus gained for the hospital. The first three recipients numbered their letters No. 1, the second nine numbered theirs No. 2, the third twenty-seven numbered theirs No. 3, and so on. With the one hundred and eightieth multiple, the chain was to automatically cease.

But the originator evidently went into the matter wholly without considering the results of the arithmetical progression. As the scheme went into effect it gradually came to the notice of people all over the world. In 1905 an article in the London Spectator by someone who had figured up the possibilities claimed to show that there would not be enough writing paper in the world to supply the letters by the time the 180th series was reached. It figured that up to the 20th link the number of letters would amount to over five billion and that there would not be enough stamps in the world to complete the 30th link.

Of course there is to be considered the fact that many persons receiving such a letter would not follow the instructions or request and then again the same person might receive the letter twice from different correspondents. But even allowing for all mischances the project became a mighty one and far too large for the beginners to handle.

Up to six years ago, it is reported that over two million letters had been received. Until 1902 the letters were opened by Miss Griffin and her father and his employees and the contents sold to dealers and the proceeds turned over to the hospital—the St. George Cottage Hospital, near Sydney, New South Wales. At length the letters became too numerous for them to handle. The post office was over-burdened in spite of many additional clerks just to handle this mail. Sixty-five mail bags full of these letters had to be stored in a basement unopened, although the post office department was partly crippled for want of mail bags.

This lot was sold just as it came, unopened, to a stamp dealer for about \$275.00 and later sold by him in quantities of 100 and 1,000 letters to collectors in Australia and the United States.

Altogether the hospital realized about \$1,000.00, but when the great waste is considered, it will be seen that it was a poor economic proposition for the postage that the writers paid on their letters alone must have amounted to over \$100,000.00. In 1902 the Australian authorities were doing all they could to stop the famous chain. The United States post office department was ap-

pealed to to assist in breaking the "daisy chain" as it was then referred to. There is even to-day in the current year's Postal Guide, which contains the post office rules and regulations for postmasters, the following paragraphs with reference to it:

"The department has received numerous inquiries concerning an endless chain letter circulated throughout the United States in which request is made that cancelled stamps be sent to Miss Mills, Covington, Philadelphia, Pa., for the purpose of establishing a separate ward for children at St. George, New South Wales, Australia.

"This endless chain was started about ten years ago by a Miss Griffin, Mills street, Carlton, Australia. A recipient of one of these letters evidently mistook the directions with the result that one branch of the chain is now sending stamps to Miss Mills, Covington, Philadelphia, Pa., instead of the Australian address. There being no Miss Mills at Philadelphia address mail received at Philadelphia is treated in accordance with the postal laws and regulations. Efforts are being made by the Australian authorities to encourage correspondents and the public in general to break the chain, which efforts should be co-operated with as far as practicable."

Being interested in the collecting of foreign stamps, I purchased about four years ago, from one of the dealers handling these Griffin letters, a lot of 100 of them, unopened, paying 50c for the lot. Most of these letters had been mailed by persons in the United States, although some of them were from France, Italy and other foreign countries. All of them had at least 5c postage and some 10c paid on them. One of the most striking features of the lot was the twisting of the address, in the whole 100 letters there being no two which spelled the name and the address of Miss Griffin exactly alike. In some the town had been turned into something so absurdly unlike the original as to cause wonder how it could have happened. It is little wonder that the mistake above cited by the post office department occurred. All letters addressed to Miss Griffin or anything that resembled that name anywhere in Australia, were evidently recognized as belonging to her, so widely did she become advertised. And some letters, at least that were not intended for her but the address of which could not be deciphered were also delivered to her. The twisting of the address occurred of course through the attempts of the millions of people to copy it, passing as it did through all classes and nationalities.

The contents for the most part were ten used stamps as asked for, with the letters of transmission signed by the writer and the addresses of the three parties to whom the letter had been forwarded. But in some cases unused stamps had been enclosed; in others 50 or 100 used stamps, and in rare cases coin securely wrapped. From my own standpoint it was a profitable purchase and the fact that it was only shows what an immense burden the lot must have been on the recipients that they could not find time to even open them, but should sell them to the highest bidder just to get rid of them.

So when you next receive a letter of this kind, asking you to send a prayer or good wish to each of three friends and for them to do likewise and with the vague statement that you will receive a blessing in return after many days, stop and think of the great economic waste this will entail if it goes on unstoppered, and refrain, lest the blessing turn out a curse on you or some one else.—Hobbyist.

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EDITORIAL.

An Afterword—We have established conclusively, we think, the fact that the three cent, 1908, United States, was issued in coil and consequently is entitled to a place in all lists of the officially issued part perforates. We have spoken of the reticence of the authorities to give definite information about the stamp in question and perhaps there is a reason for the paucity of detail. We wonder if Mr. Travers when acting as third assistant postmaster general did not have the stamps made under his direction; and the query is one that fairly may be made after piecing together fragments of information that have been furnished. If the stamps were made through the instrumentality of Mr. Travers and were handled by him in the manner that other stamps were it becomes plain why Little is said by Washington. We have been told that some months ago, it was admitted in the "coil room" of the Bureau of Engraving that the three cent in coil had been made, although information as to what had been done with the finished product was not forthcoming. These stamps evidently had no connection with the consignment sent to Messrs. Bell and Company, Orangeburgh, New York, and the reported special order from Chicago, one or both of which must have been regular in every way.

Postage Due Order—The following departmental order has just been issued by the postmaster general: "Hereafter postage due stamps shall not be affixed to part-paid or unpaid matter of the third class until the delivery thereof can be effected. Section 622, Postal Laws and Regulations is amended accordingly." Section 622 says that postmasters at all other than free delivery post offices will affix postage due stamps to part paid or unpaid matter when, and not until, the delivery thereof has been requested. . . . At free delivery

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The Convention—The failure of the Hotel Victory to remain open at Put-in-Bay has somewhat embarrassed the committees having in charge the preparations for the American Philatelic Society convention beginning August 19th. It was the expectation that the large hotel in question would be available for convention use and the fact that it is not occasions some disappointment to those who are working for the success of the convention. However, there will be a rousing time at Put-in-Bay and no fear need be felt that the other hotels there will not be able to accommodate the visitors. In addition to the Hotel Commodore, there is another hotel under the same management as the official headquarters that will entertain some of the delegates. We understand that the entertainment as planned will include a short trip on Mr. Worthington's yacht and on one evening a reception on the yacht and a view of the fire-works from it.

A Change—An order from the postmaster general directs that after August 15th, "all undeliverable third and fourth class matter which has been sent heretofore to the Division of Dead Letters shall be sent to the post offices at the headquarters of the Railway Mail Service of the division in which such matter is detained. . . ." In reference to parcel post or fourth class matter: "Parcels manifestly of value will be held in the post offices at division headquarters of the Railway Mail Service for one year, after which no claim for reclamation will be considered." Etc.

Dollar Parcel Post—Since we read in a contemporary that there is practically no "public demand for this denomination" and knowing that used copies of the dollar stamp were not as thick as the leaves in the well-known Villambrosa, we have been loafing around the parcel post division of the post office that uses the greatest number of parcel post stamps in this country with an idea of seeing something. We did. We saw so many fifty cent affixed to packages that we wondered where the money came with which to buy them. Calls for the seventy-five cent and the dollar were comparatively infrequent, it is true, but each day in this office, a few were called for on the average. Observation and conversation showed us that clothing firms for instance sent out samples and suits requiring seventy-five cent and dollar stamps, to dozens a day at times and as for the consumption of the same values by the big mail order houses, we fear to tell the truth. However, for reasons that have been pointed out before, we know that comparatively few of these stamps will be saved to collectors. After our experience we do not hesitate to say that there is a public demand for the dollar parcel post.

A Resolution—We understand that the following resolution which is of general interest to philatelists in this country will be offered at the American Philatelic Society convention at Put-in-Bay: "Whereas: A very large number of rare stamps of the United States and other countries have been accumulated by gift and otherwise in the Smithsonian Institution and National Museum at Washington, D. C., and WHEREAS: The officers and managers of these institutions have taken the steps necessary to bring to the view of the thousands of visitors there each year, all of these rare stamps, by having the same mounted, classified and properly listed, and exposed in a place within the walls of these magnificent buildings, BE IT RESOLVED: That the American Philatelic Society does hereby make the request that the officers of the Smithsonian Institution be asked to cooperate with said American Philatelic Society in obtaining from the Congress of the United States such an appropriation of funds as may be necessary to defray the annual expenses hereafter of keeping up, maintaining and adding to such collection and for the salary of an experienced and competent philatelist to look after, manage and superintend the same, AND BE IT RESOLVED, further: That Mr. Oney K. Carstarphen, a former President of the Philatelic Sons of America, and formerly a member of the society, from Denver, Colorado, now a resident of Washington, D. C., be, and is hereby appointed, as the agent of this society to submit these resolutions to the officers and managers of the Smithsonian and National Museums, and to confer with them in all matters pertaining thereto, and to represent this society before any committee of Congress, to whom such matters may be submitted, for the purpose of carrying out the views of the Society, his services to be given without compensation from the Society but from the love of philately and interest that the United States collection may some day be on terms with that in the British Museum."

DEATH OF CHAS. F. DOSCH, JR.

Chas. F. Dosch, Jr., Westerville, Ohio, American Philatelic Society member, No. 3874, died July 2nd, at Chicago, where he was born in 1882. After his high school course he attended the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1905 with the degree of B. S. in M. E. He was chief draftsman of the Jeffery Manufacturing Company when taken ill and after an operation was taken to Westerville, Ohio, where it was hoped his convalescence would be hastened. However, in the latter part of May, he suffered a relapse, and was brought to Chicago, where he lingered until his death. Mr. Dosch was very popular but his many activities did not cause him to neglect his stamps. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma, and his death was mourned by a host of friends.

UP AGAINST A HARD PROPOSITION.

Our offer of two weeks ago to render assistance to those inclined dealers fairly submerged us—and this in August! We found ourselves compelled to hire a second stenographer, or else write up something for the WEEKLY that would meet the need, hence the series of articles of which number one appears elsewhere in this issue.

We have a favor to ask:—As the articles appear request of us further information along any line and we will gladly write you. It is our purpose to be helpful in your quest for assistance.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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HINTS TO WOULD-BE DEALERS IN STAMPS

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

Prefatory.

Our offer to help anyone having stamp dealings proclivities to a better understanding of the business has certainly been taken advantage of, and as a result a series of brief talks will follow, giving careful consideration to stamp dealing in all its aspects.

Our talks will treat with the stamp business as a pleasurable and profitable occupation. We believe it to have both of these attributes, but at the same time would urge that application and hard work are essential. We speak from personal experience. Six years dealing in stamps has given us a good insight into the business.

In 1898 we were engaged in a business that paid a fair salary but gave little promise of promotion and we were desirous of making a change where energy and effort would count and where individuality would not be frowned upon. There was little ready cash in sight to launch upon a new enterprise, but happening to meet Howard K. Sander-son, then postmaster of Lynn, Mass., and for years a successful dealer in rare stamps this question was put to me, "Why not try the stamp business?" The spark was enkindled into a flame, the suggestion was acted upon, and the writer has never regretted entering the ranks as a dealer in stamps.

We purchased some Zechmeyer packets, than which nothing cheaper can be bought, eliminated evening socials and entertainments and got right down to business. Our spare time was spent over the benzine cup and approval sheets, and on the railroad train the catalog was substituted for the morning paper. It was demonstrated to us that there was truth in the aphorism that there is no royal road to learning, and of this we are equally certain that hard work is the highway to success. We advertised in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY with uniformly gratifying results and this was the only advertising medium that we ever used.

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About this time Mr. Isaac A. Mekeel came along. He had been actively engaged with the WEEKLY, but other interests were claiming his attention and he wanted a manager for this publication. Mr. Mekeel finally prevailed in his argument, with the result that he took the writer away from his former business as well as the new, for newspaper work was to us our atmosphere. We sold our stamps for close to \$3,000 representing its wholesale value.

All this by way of introduction. Perhaps the methods we tried would not fit your case. Temperaments and environments differ, but anyone with ordinary intelligence can soon discover wherein their weaknesses lie and apply the remedy. It is your privilege to work out the finer points and improve upon these suggestions as improvement is possible.

Is There Room?

There is room and to spare. Look around you and try to estimate the number of collectors in the entire country based on the number in your immediate vicinity. We have tens of thousands of collectors here in the United States and other tens of thousands who would become collectors with a little missionary effort.

The American Boy, the Boys' Magazine, the Boys' World, Youth's Companion and similar publications are doing a world of good for our hobby and making many converts month by month, to say nothing of the propagating work

that is being done by the stamp papers. There is plenty of room for you in the stamp trade, and with energy and push you can make your business succeed. In a later article we shall treat of the advertising proposition and suggest different lines of publicity that are profitable.

The stamp dealer by means of the judicious use of sample packets can easily make stamp collectors. It is a pursuit that appeals to the average person. If a man be artistic he can easily read this trait in the lines of the stamp. If he be a lover of history he can study with profit the successive issues of the great nations of the world. These bits of paper open up a wealth of meaning and a mine of information, so that once a collector started will mean a new customer for the dealer.

There need be no fear that other dealers will elbow you out of the way. They will be glad to make your acquaintance, for they realize that while you may get some of their business, you will make enough more in which they can share, and thus a common cause will be advanced.

The older dealer is working out his business along certain definite lines and it is always possible to find in the larger dealers' offices job lots and remnants of collections from which the rarer stamps have been extracted that these dealers are glad to sell at bargain prices to the newcomer. The fact is that the new dealer offers a good opportunity for the putting in circulation of moderate priced stock that can only be marketed among collectors whom the "new dealer" would reach.

Moreover, bear in mind that in all trades and businesses there is plenty of room at the top. As a stamp dealer there is room for you if you want to make it, but no one will make it for you.

The Office of the Dealer.

These are the days of the mail order business. In fact, many of the great business houses of the present day commenced in a modest business begun in the home. The stamp dealer especially can readily adjust his office needs to home conditions and not only is this true of the novice, but of the more advanced dealer. Thousands of dollars worth of rare stamps can be hidden between the covers of a few stock books and many of the dealers whose names are household words have confined their labors in selling stamps to their homes. Uncle Sam is very kind to us in the ministry of the postal service, and also very reliable. His benefits extend to the extremes of rural deliveries, so that we get a superb service at a minimum of cost.

The stamp dealer can do a home business without office hours and rely upon the postoffice department as his messenger. The cost of operating the business will be reduced to the expense of advertising. The two items of office rent and advertising are prime factors in the promoting of one's business from the standpoint of expense.

If one has practically unlimited capital a city office would be the proper thing. If it be an upstairs location there should be a stamp display at the street entrance, and a helper to handle "bargain hunters." A dealer's time is too valuable to spend it on casual buyers. Nothing will make a nervous wreck of a man any quicker than to entertain caller after caller for even a few moments at a time when his mind is on the approval selections that should be made up and sent out.

Of course the street shop is the ne plus ultra in exploiting a stamp business. The London dealers can give us a few points in this respect. The store of D. Field in the Royal Arcade is a fitting type of the ideal stamp store. The advantage of the street shop is apparent in the business that will result from passersby and more especially from the opportunities to buy collections and

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Postage extra on orders of less than \$1.00.

G. CANNON,

SPARTANBURG, S. C.

odd lots. In this case the proprietor must needs have a counter assistant.

The stamp business is, however, pre-eminently a mail order business and the great houses of New York, Boston, Chicago and San Francisco would be compelled to close their doors were they to be confined in their dealing operations to local trade. No person need hesitate to engage in the stamp business because of lack of facilities in the way of a public place such as a large city affords. These very facilities mean a corresponding increase in responsibility.

The stamp business can be made to fit the activity and the energy of its promoter. Increase the attention to detail and there will be an immediate response in results. It is gratifying to any man to see and feel the effect of increased effort as reflected in the expanding pages of his stock book, and this is possible for the small dealer who far from the whirl of the city decides to yield to the dealing instinct.

(To be continued.)

POWER'S GREAT BOOK ON U. S.

There is one book you really need and that one, E. B. Power's on United States. It is written by a student of stamps who has positive views and is not afraid to express them. The book retails for 75c but out of the largeness of our heart we offer it to you, post free, at 50c. As the owner and manager of Stanley Gibbons, N. Y. City, Mr. Power is an authority you may well heed. Remit 50c in M. O. or check or better still add it to your renewal.

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CABLES "PECKITT LONDON"

Dealer in Rare Stamps
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- SPAIN.**—A few fine specimens of the early issues and two copies of the error 2 reals of 1855.

A COLLECTION OF ERRORS

among which may be specially mentioned B. C. A. 1d, cheque stamp centre inverted, British Somaliland errors; a large number of French Colonial errors, Guatemala 5c centre inverted unused; Hawaii errors of surcharge; Swaziland 5-h surcharge inverted; error "Swaziland" and error "Swaziland" inverted; the Serbian error in the first issue. Etc., Etc.

Particulars of other specialised collections will be given in following advertisements.

Any of the above, or selections therefrom, will be sent on approval.

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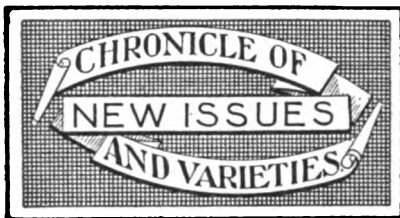
A WORD FROM THE STATES

This completes my third years' New Issue Colonial Subscription, and I wish to thank you for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown. It has been a great source of pleasure and satisfaction, and has added nearly 700 stamps at a monthly cost of about \$7.00. Further, having stamps come to you in this way is a constant delight, owing to their fine condition, and a surprise owing to the many varieties and countries represented.

FROM CANADA

"Your New Issue Service is all that could be desired, and the promptness with which you secured and distributed the new stamps has been a continual pleasure to me during the years I have subscribed to same, and I hope some time to open my account with you again."

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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding pre-cancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

AITUTAKI.—We have been shown the latest issue of the 1d New Zealand, watermark single lined Crown and N Z, perforated 14x15, surcharged "Aitutaki" and value in dark blue, by Whitfield King & Co.

Adhesive.

1d carmine and blue.

CHINA.—Whitfield King & Co. report having seen the 7c following stamps with Waterlow surcharge: 7c claret, 30c carmine and \$2 pink and orange, with black surcharge; 16c olive and 50c light green, with red surcharge.

The following is from Fred J. Melville's Stamp Column in the *Daily Telegraph*: "Mr. Lewis May informs me that the overprinted stamps of the Chinese Republic will be superseded at an early date by an entirely new issue. The ordinary postage stamps of the new series will be in three designs. A Chinese junk will figure on the values, ½ cent, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 cents; the 15, 16, 20, 30, and 50 cents will bear a Reaper design; and the dollar values \$1, 2, 5, and 10 will bear an architectural design. A new set of postage-due stamps is also in preparation, comprising denominations of ½ cent, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, and 30 cents. All the cents denominations are to be printed in sheets of 200 stamps, and the dollar values in sheets of fifty."

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Offices in the Levant.*—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the ½d re-engraved King George stamp, with cypher watermark, surcharged "Levant" in the latest type.

GREECE.—*Lemnos.*—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the lithographed 5 lepta stamp of Greece, overprinted "Lemnos" in black for use in that island.

HONDURAS.—The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. has shown us the 10c blue, River Steamer type, surcharged "2 cts." in black, similar to the other provisionals recently chronicled.

Provisional Adhesive.

"2 cts." on 10c blue; black surcharge.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—*The Australian Stamp Journal* says:—"We have been shown another and very uncommon variety of the 6d centennial type, watermarked Cr. & N. S. W., on chalky paper, pale yellow, perf. 12x11½, comb machine, but with an additional perf. gauging 11 between a horizontal pair. The stamps are unused and the two vertical perforations between the two stamps show quite distinctly. Both are slightly off centre, showing clearly that, after the stamps were perforated on the comb machine, it was considered desirable to re-perforate one row."

NICARAGUA.—A. W. Dunning has now shown us the new surcharges mentioned in No. 1178, and we find that all have the new "Cordoba" surcharge, showing that it is the intention of the Government to use up all of the Liberty and Locomotive stamps by surcharging the new gold values.

QUEENSLAND.—*The Australian Stamp Journal* says:—"We have seen the ½d green, four figures, perf. 12, also the 4d grey, with peculiar perforations, gauging 13x11-11½. The former is apparently very uncommon, for it was superseded 14 years ago, and this is the first time we have heard of it."

RHODESIA.—In re the new King George set for Rhodesia, announced in No. 1178, the following from the facile pen of Fred J. Melville, will be of interest: A King's Head design is being prepared for a forthcoming issue of Rhodesian stamps. The British South Africa Company is not under any obligation to follow the stereotyped key-plate pattern for surface-printed stamps used in British possessions and Protectorates, and the company will probably continue to use stamps printed from recess-plates. The new issue is to portray the King as a yachtsman. The present Indian stamps show the King wearing his Imperial crown, but all the other stamp portraits of King George are without headgear, so the yachting cap will be a novel feature in the new Rhodesian stamps. The current stamps of Rhodesia are also of an unusual character, as they bear two portraits, representing King George and Queen Mary.

VICTORIA.—A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* writes: "It is a little curious to point out that as there were fifteen values in the old Victorian set, so there are in the new Commonwealth one. One value, however, the 1½d has been dropped, and one value, the 10sh has been added. The full Victorian set cost, at face value, £3 10sh 10½d, which was considerably more than the set of any other state. This was owing to the Victoria £2 stamp, but now the stamp is included in the 'Australia' set. This is higher again, the face value of the full set being no less than £4 0sh 9d."

VENEZUELA.—Mr. Schachne has shown us a new card, dated, in lower frame, March 1912.

Post Card.

10c black and carmine on cream.

A WORLD WIDE HOBBY.

The latest departure for the trade centers of Europe is A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co., and knowing his ability as a salesman we are sure that his stock books will be a great deal lighter on his return. We commend the energy of American dealers in pushing their wares across the pond. The WEEKLY has always gladly accepted the advertising of English, French and German dealers and has done it in the belief that the interests of philately would be the better served by so doing. The frequent visits of American dealers abroad, and the advertising of American dealers in European papers is an evidence of the progressive and aggressive spirit of the day and we rejoice in their spunk.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—General C. A. Coolidge of Detroit has submitted for our inspection a specimen of a new 2c Detroit precancel. It consists of the inscription "Detroit—Mich" in two lines in capital letters with heavy rules above and below.

—Eben S. Martin of the International Stamp Co. was a visitor to Boston last week and called at the WEEKLY office.

—E. S. Boden-Smart wishes us to state that he will be absent from Alberta until September and wishes dealer friends to note this fact. He adds, "I might add that I have spent some \$800 among your various advertisers since I subscribed to your excellent WEEKLY some months ago."

—Clipping is acknowledged with thanks from A. Thayer.

—The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. advises us that their stock of Sonora provisionals has been entirely closed out, but a further supply is expected.

THE INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC CO.

We have our troubles but there are a few we escape. Some months ago a Sheffield, Eng., concern with the above mentioned high sounding title sent us an advertisement, good for a quarter page. We refused to bite and made inquiries in London, satisfying ourselves that we should do well to decline the advertisement. We note that some of our contemporaries were not quite so fortunate.

Send for My Latest Price List of
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Twentieth Century Stamps
CHAS. S. OSGOOD, SALEM, MASS.

Send for Parker's Priced List
of Postage and Revenue stamps. [H
PARKER, BETHLEHEM, PA.

U. S. ON APPROVAL

I am rearranging my stock of United States postage, revenue and envelope stamps into new approval books and solicit applications for the same to be sent out in the order of application. When arranged I will have about 200 books, of 100 stamps each, so that long waits will be avoided.

My Approval books will be worth an examination, and arranged in price according to their true value.

I find that my stock contains some stamps which are not in perfect condition. These will be marked at from 60% to 75% discount.

Applicants will please state quality of stamps they desire to see, and whether straight goods or specialized; adhesives, revenues, entireties or cut square envelopes. Have also a very few choice foreign, and some used and unused blocks of four, from 1885 to the present issues.

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Advertisers sending out approval selections must take precautions to secure satisfactory references. We cannot undertake to settle all the petty disputes arising from the wide-spread scattering of approval selections.

We want to buy a stamp collection for cash. J. L. Wolff, 717 Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. [t]*

Do You Use Wolsieffer's Approval Cards? [t]*

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Over 200 diff. U. S., including 50c & \$1.00 issues, for \$1.00. 1 lb. U. S. and For. over 200 var., 50c. Approval Sheets 70% off. Reference please. I. X. L. Stamp Co., Pleasantville, N. J. [t]*

Free—Packet of stamps put up 15 years ago, to anyone sending for our 50% approval selections. INTERNATIONAL STAMP CO. OF N. Y., 3 Ann Street, New York City. [t]*

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Packet, cat. over \$1.00, for 20 cents coin. E. MATTSOHN, Newberry, Mich., R. No. 1. [t]*

I buy stamps. Name your price. Wholesale list free to dealers only. CARL YOUNG, 112 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa. [t]*

100 well mixed So. and Cent. America and 1000 mixed foreign, 25c. D. L. CURRAN, 68 Thorp St., Binghamton, N. Y. [t]*

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We buy remainders direct from any government, also other large parcels; make offers. HOME STAMP CO., Glenelg, Md. [t]*

7200 stamp collectors read this paper. They will read your adv. as you read this.

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Collection of 100 stamps, U. S., etc., from all over the world, no two alike. Cat. \$2.50, my price 50c. H. J. WALLIS, 432 10th St., Troy, N. Y.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New member.—J. Johnson, No. 224, 1379 Clay Ave., Bronx, N. Y. City.

Application for Membership.—Chas. Edw. Prior, banker, age 57; vice-president and treasurer Security Trust Co., Hartford, Ct. References: New England Stamp Co., Boston, and Economist Stamp Co., N. Y. City. Proposed by S. M. Edwards.

No dues received since last report excepting from applicant, 75 cents.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec. ARGUSVILLE, N. D., Aug. 5, 1913.

Net approvals representing 60 to 80% discount from catalog quotations. General selections usually sent, but shall comply with your wants as nearly as possible. Responsible references required. E. A. MOSELEY, Bloomfield, Mo. [t]*

Top notch packet, 50 var., cat. \$1.20, for 25c. LEO COUGHLIN, Ithaca, N. Y.

"The Red Line." A new series of Approvals at 50%. Nice clean stamps. Good value. Reference please. D. A. VAN OORT, Holland, Mich. [t]*

Imperial Album containing 600 diff. stamps cat. \$9.00, at \$1.75. F. LANGE, Sedalia, Mo.

Our special line, Approvals for beginners. Reference please. Circulars free. CROCKETT, 827 Broad St., Newark, N. J.

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The Season-Opener Special Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News

WILL APPEAR

Saturday, September 20, 1913

TO THE SUBSCRIBER

Our interests are mutual! We are engaged in a common pleasurable pursuit, but at the same time we are deeply concerned in the material value of our philatelic possessions. The WEEKLY seeks your aid in making the hobby more pleasurable and more profitable, and this will be possible as its subscription list grows in power. All you need do is to show a sample copy to your fellow collector.

TO THE ADVERTISER

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SWISS HIGH VALUES.

Der Philatelist quotes the following from a Swiss daily paper relative to the proposed new designs for high value stamps:

At last it appears as though the powers that be would yield at least somewhat to the generally expressed popular desire as regards the new high value stamps of Switzerland and would give us typical Swiss views in place of those everlasting allegories, more or less happy and intelligible. For the present four such views are offered which in our opinion have been very happily chosen. In double the usual size, upright or oblong, they show the Tell chapel with the Bristenstock, Reuss, the Water Tower and the railway station on the lake at Luzern with the Pilatus mountain, over the roaring Visp the Matterhorn looming up amidst dark forests, and across the Aare the Federal Building at Bern. The stamps, to be sure, remind one very much of the pictorial sets from Bosnia and elsewhere—but if we did not put our brilliant ideas into practice (we had them all right) we must suffer the reproach of being imitators. The stamps, whose figures of value are a little too prominent, are inscribed "Helvetia" or "Schweiz" or even "Schweiz, Suisse." Rather than stir up language conflicts again we should prefer the good old "Helvetia." Engraved in good steel engraving these stamps would doubtless be an ornament to philately.

Our readers are aware that in Switzerland all three languages, German, French and Italian, have equal rights and all official documents are published in all three of them, some of the older stamp issues, as you know, bear the inscriptions in these three languages. On account of the difficulty of placing three different inscriptions on a stamp the non-committal Latin Helvetia was adopted years ago. In fact, there ought to be four sets of inscriptions to do them all justice, for a few thousand people in Graubünden (Grisons) and the Engadin still use the curious lingual relic Rhaeto-Romanian. The writer of this lately accidentally made the acquaintance of a lady descended from this stock and she certainly took no back seat for either German, French or Italian Swiss—in fact, according to her claim, her people were the only real genuine Swiss and all the others merely intruders. It is fortunate, however, that this language has not been selected for stamp inscriptions.—P. J. of A.

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THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Bergedorf.

(Continued from page 264.)

THE 4 SCHILLING.

The value on the 4sch was expressed by the word "VIER," the design measuring $21\frac{1}{2}$ by 21 mm. These stamps were printed in black on brown paper in sheets of eighty arranged in



ten rows of eight. The transfer block used in making the lithographic stone consisted of eight impressions in two horizontal rows for each. These were arranged in the sheet as follows:

1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8

There was a space of 5 mm. between the fifth and sixth rows dividing the stamps into two panes of forty each. As this division comes in the center of the two middle blocks of transfers it is possible that in these two rows the group was broken and the two rows placed horizontally so that the types would be

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

This, however, could only be proved by finding a mark of identification on one or more of the impressions in the group of transfers.

The secret marks for this value consist of a projection of the vertical line on the left of the P of POSTMARKE through the lower frame, and an irregularity in the wavy lines of the background above and to the left of the tower. One of these lines does not continue downwards like the others, but turns back close to the tower thus showing a break.

Altogether 80,000 of the 4sch stamps were printed, 30,000 being sold while the issue was current and the balance of 50,000 going to M. Moens with the rest of the remainders.

Although there were considerably more of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ sch in the remainders than 3sch or 4sch yet the two latter values are priced a little less in the catalogues.

Owing to the number of remainders genuine originals are still obtainable in unused condition at quite low prices. Used, however, the stamps are all very scarce.

Reference List.

1861. Lithographed. Imperf.
1. $\frac{1}{2}$ sch black on blue, Scott's No. 3 or 3a.
2. 1sch black on white, Scott's No. 4.
3. $1\frac{1}{2}$ sch black on yellow, Scott's No. 5.
4. 3sch blue on rose, Scott's No. 6.
5. 4sch black on brown, Scott's No. 7.

OFFICIAL IMITATIONS.

In detailing the various values we have given the total quantities printed and an important point to bear in mind is that all these were printed at the same time, that is, there was only one printing of each value. This was due to the fact that only one lithographic stone was purchased and as soon as the supply of one value was printed

the stone was cleaned and the impressions for another denomination were transferred. It will thus be understood that reprints do not exist, the so-called "reprints" being nothing better than imitations printed from new stones though the original "dies" were certainly used. Of the many imitations made only two were made by the Bergedorf authorities themselves. In May 1867 M. Moens sent an order for twelve sheets of each of the $\frac{1}{2}$ sch and 3sch values in the colors of the rare essays. As the group of transfers used in laying down the original stone was non-existent fresh ones had to be made. The $\frac{1}{2}$ sch was transferred in blocks of eight and the 3sch in blocks of sixteen. The sheets were of the same size as the originals so that the total supply of these imitations was 2,400 of the $\frac{1}{2}$ sch and 1,920 of the 3sch. The impression of the $\frac{1}{2}$ sch is less sharp than that of the originals and the cross stroke of the H of SCHILLING is either very indistinct or missing altogether. The imitations of the 3sch may be at once distinguished by the presence of two small dots on the center of the S of POSTMARKE, dots which do not show in the genuine labels.

PRIVATE IMITATIONS.

When M. Moens purchased the remainders the "die stone" also became his property and he caused new stones to be made from these from which he made printings on four different occasions. Although these are usually designated as reprints they are nothing better than unofficial imitations for, as we have already shown, the original stones were not available. It appears that Moens had disposed of the entire stock of remainders by 1872 and as the demand was still good he decided to make imitations. Further supplies were made in 1874, 1887, and 1888. We think it hardly necessary to follow Dr. Brunel's extensive survey of the manner in which the stones were made up for the various printings; specialists who are interested should refer to the article in the "Postage Stamp" mentioned in our introductory notes. It will suffice for our purpose to point out the little peculiarities by which these imitations can be told from the genuine stamps. To start with the $1\frac{1}{2}$ schilling was never imitated for, as the original design on the "die stone" bore the spelling "SCHILLING" all the imitations show the same "error." Speaking generally the impressions of all values are less sharp than those of the originals and the shades of the papers are not the same.

The first imitations of the $\frac{1}{2}$ sch, made in 1872, measure 15 by $15\frac{1}{4}$ mm. The H of SCHILLING is always minus the cross bar and one (sometimes both) of the A's in the inscription are also without the cross stroke. In the second supply, made in 1887, the labels measure $15\frac{1}{2}$ mm. square. None of the letters A have bars and the bar on the H is either missing or very indistinct.

In the first edition of the 1sch (1872) the numerals in the corners are quite different from those on the originals and generally have serifs at foot. They measure 16 mm. square like the originals. In the second imitation (1887) the numerals are all much too thick being 1 mm. wide instead of the $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. of the originals. The size of the label is $16\frac{1}{2}$ by $16\frac{1}{4}$ mm. and none of the letters A are provided with a cross bar. In the third supply (1888) the corner numerals are thin but this imitation can be at once identified by the background which has almost entirely worn away.

The first imitation of the 3sch (1872) measures $19\frac{1}{4}$ by $19\frac{1}{2}$ mm. and can be at once distinguished by the absence of

shading on the head of the eagle. The second issue (1887) can be identified by the same characteristic and the size of the labels is also different the measurements being $19\frac{1}{4}$ by 20 mm. The upper part of the shield is solid and the lines of the background are hardly visible. The third issue (1888) may also be distinguished from the originals by the worn background and the absence of shading on the eagle's head.

The first imitation of the 4sch, made in 1872, can be told by the presence of a short line slanting upwards in the circle opposite the I of VIER. The wavy lines of the background, too, are regular by the top of the tower and the labels measure 21 by $20\frac{1}{4}$ mm. A second supply was printed in 1874 these being distinguished by a vertical line on the head of the eagle and numerous breaks in the wavy lines of the background. In the third supply, made in 1887, the oblique line by the I of VIER again appears. The letters of BERGEDORF are very irregular and the background is very rough. These imitations measure $21\frac{1}{4}$ by $21\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

Moens also possessed the original obliterating stamp so that he was able to oblige with "used" imitations if desired. In 1893 this obliterating together with the "die stone" was sold to the Berlin Post Office Museum so that fear of any further imitations is obviated.

A number of counterfeits have also been made from time to time some of these dating from so long ago as 1864. A comparison of any doubtful specimens with the "secret marks" of the originals and the foregoing description of the imitations should enable any collector to decide for himself what they are.

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same character and watermark as the white paper ("continuous" Cipher) but with colouring matter introduced in the pulp stage.

This stamp, it is also curious to note, is the only English stamp printed and issued in black since the original 1d black of 1840, though of course the colour of the paper base gives it quite a different colour effect.

The 6d stamp is printed on a chalk-coated paper in doubly fugitive purple, and it is probable that this stamp will continue to be printed in the Stamping Department at Somerset House, as its special duties for postage and revenue purposes render it one of the most important duties for accurate, uniform and carefully supervised production.

With the new stamps the entire series of Georgian stamps of Great Britain is complete, and comprises in all 18 duties, one more than in the case of the Edwardian stamps, and equal in number though not identical in the values with the full series of Victorian stamps (from 1/2d to £5). Below we give a comparative list of the stamp duties in currency and their colours during the three reigns, taking chiefly the later issues of the first two reigns:

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1/2d bright green	Jan., 1913	green	vermilion, green	vermilion, green	vermilion, green
1d scarlet	Oct. 8, 1912	scarlet	purple	purple	purple
1 1/2d brown	Oct., 1912	purple and green	purple and green	purple and green	purple and green
2d orange-yellow	Aug., 1912	green and carmine	green and carmine	green and carmine	green and carmine
2 1/2d ultramarine	Oct. 18, 1912	blue	purple on blue	purple on blue	purple on blue
3d violet	Oct., 1912	purple on lemon yellow	purple on yellow	purple on yellow	purple on yellow
4d pearl-green	Jan., 1913	orange	green and brown	green and brown	green and brown
5d fawn	July 1, 1913	purple and blue	purple and blue	purple and blue	purple and blue
6d purple	Aug., 1913	purple	purple on rose-red	purple on rose-red	purple on rose-red
7d bronze-green	Aug. 1, 1913	slate			
8d black on lemon	Aug. 1, 1913				
9d agate	July 1, 1913	purple and blue	purple and blue	purple and blue	purple and blue
10d azure blue	Aug. 1, 1913	purple and scarlet (carmine)	purple and carmine	purple and carmine	purple and carmine
1s umber	Aug. 1, 1913	green and scarlet (carmine)	green, green and carmine	green, green and carmine	green, green and carmine
2s 6d brown	July 1, 1913	purple	purple	purple	purple
5s crimson	July 4, 1913	carmine	crimson	crimson	crimson
10s blue	Aug. 1, 1913	ultramarine	ultramarine	ultramarine	ultramarine
£1 green	Aug. 1, 1913	green	green	green	green

The subject of the colours of the new stamps is of peculiar interest. As most collectors are aware future events were casting their shadows before them in November, 1909, when the bi-coloured Edwardian 4d stamp was replaced by the unicoloured 4d orange, and the 7d of 1910 appeared as a stamp produced at one printing, and the 2d green and carmine was about to be replaced by the unicoloured 2d Tyrian plum. It was then seen that a revolution in our stamp duties was in progress, that the stamps up till then produced by the more costly two-colour method were in gradual process of being converted into stamps produced at a single impression. The death of King Edward put an end to the changes then in process of evolution, but the scheme has been carried out in the new stamps, and the entire series of eighteen stamps does not include any bi-coloured examples.

But this new policy while it makes for economy in manufacture, was by no means an easy one to carry out satisfactorily, and it yet remains to be seen whether the colours provided in the new Georgian set are sufficiently and severally distinctive. Where fourteen stamps of closely ranged denominations from 1/2d to 1s are of an identical and limited size the difficulty of making them contrast sufficiently to avoid confusion is great, and although designs may be varied this proved insufficient in the De La Rue issue of 1884 where ten stamps were printed in only two different colours, five in lilac and five in green, in spite of the fact that there were five designs very different in their internal configuration. The solution to the contrast difficulty was found in the use of bi-coloured stamps, the combinations permitted by combinations of two colours making the "Jubilee" series of 1887 an excellently contrasted range of stamp duties. Now that the bi-coloured printing is discarded on the score of economy the authorities have but two factors available, colour and design. The latter, in small vignettes of the limited dimensions of our postage stamps is not a very considerable factor, as there is a similarity in all of them due largely to their bearing similar portraits of King George, and although the frame designs have been varied, all the stamps in the series present a general appearance of similarity. Thus colour alone is the chief factor of contrast in this issue, and the selection of fourteen colours that contrast well in stamp printing is a task of no mean difficulty. There are questions not merely of different colours, but of special qualities in the inks, fastness to light, fastness to water, but fugitiveness

to tampering, apart from other purely typographical qualities.

In the following table we have grouped the stamps of the new series into their six designs which comprise four different head dies and six different surrounds.

1/2d green, and 1 1/2d brown. Group I. Coinage head, dolphin frame. 1d scarlet, and 2 1/2d blue. Group II. Medal head, medallion frame. 2d orange, 3d violet and 4d pearl green. Group III. Coinage head, wreath frame (Mackennal). 5d fawn, 6d purple, 7d bronze-green and 8d black on lemon. Group IV. Improved medal head, pillars frame. 9d agate, 10d azure blue, 1s umber. Group V. Improved medal head, "wreath" frame. 2s 6d brown, 5s crimson, 10s blue and £1 green. Group VI. Portrait with Britannia and Sea horses (Recess-plate printed).

Group VI may be dismissed as of different size and character leaving us fourteen surface-printed stamps, equal in dimensions, varying only in design and colour, but the variation in design being of little account. The colours which might appear to allow of confusion in the rush of postal work and by artificial light are:

(I) 3d violet, 6d purple.
(II) 1 1/2d brown, 1s umber; 2d orange, 5d fawn.

(III) 2 1/2d blue, 10d azure blue.

Of these the most notable example is (I) which may possibly require a change later on in the 3d stamp, for which in our opinion a violet colour was ill-chosen. We have already emphasised the special importance of the 6d duty and although the full violet of the 3d on a heavier or rather fuller design may seem a very different colour from the dull purple of the pillar design 6d stamp, we suspect the violet of the 3d will not maintain a uniform character in successive printings, and it is possibly susceptible, as also is the 6d to variation during and after printing, from a variety of causes. Of the other stamps the 2d orange is not a satisfactory colour—yellows are rarely effective in stamp printing, and the 1s umber is not a very pleasing colour—at any rate it is a very poor substitute for the 1s green and carmine which it supersedes.

So while we may congratulate philatelists on the completion of the long-drawn-out issue of the Georgian stamps we should not care to stake a prophesy on the finality of the issue as it stands to-day. Presumably the designs are now determined, the paper is likely to be continued without further

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CHAPTER XLV.

2 Cents, Issue of 1883.

For a number of months prior to 1883 there had been considerable agitation looking to a reduction of letter postage. During the winter of 1882-83 Congress debated the matter and later passed an act lowering the postage on letters from three cents to two cents, and this act of Congress was approved March 3, 1883. The change was ordered to take effect October 1, 1883.

New stamps were ordered from the contractors—the American Bank Note Company. Designs were made, and one which somewhat resembled the three cent stamps then in use was adopted. It was then that a color other than rose, blue or green was chosen. The stamps were ordered printed in a reddish shade of brown. The stamps were delivered in ample season for use on October 1, when the issue was offered to the public.

The new stamps were all printed upon a soft, porous, wide wove paper, which varies materially in its texture. Mr. Luff gives the following shade classifications: Orange brown, red brown, copper brown, metallic red, Indian red.

A large number of plates were made for this stamp, as follows: Nos. 430 to 455 inclusive; Nos. 458-63, 466-474, 476-479, all intermediate numbers being employed.

This stamp was also printed in large numbers upon steam presses, with five plates in series, the series being designated with a letter, as follows:

A. 483-487; B. 490-494; E. 507-511; F. 512-516; G. 517-521; H. 522-526; J. 532-536; N. 553-557; O. 558-562; P. 563-567; Q. 568-572; U. 588-592; V. 593-597.

There are few collectible varieties, aside from the shades. The stamp is found on true horizontally laid paper. There is also a double transfer, very indistinct but there just the same.

A questionable variety reposes in most collections. This is a shading of the shield at the bottom, which is very noticeable in some of the stamps, and entirely missing in others. This shading does not exist in the die, and it has been said that it comes from the wiping of the plates.

Plate proofs and the Sample stamps add much to the value and appearance of the collection.

CHAPTER XLVI.

4 Cents, Issue of 1883.

When the rate of postage was reduced in 1883, effective October 1st, there was a natural demand created for a stamp for the purpose of paying double postage. This necessitated the making of a new design, and printing stamps of four cents in denomination. The portrait from a bust of Andrew Jackson was adopted and made the basis of the design for the new stamps. They were issued simultaneously with the 2 cent stamps on October 1st, 1883.

The shades, as classified by Mr. Luff, are: deep green, blue green, dark blue green. To which the writer adds still another—olive green.

These stamps are found printed only on soft porous paper, of various textures in the weave, and a variety of thicknesses.

Only two plates were made for the hand presses—Nos. 456 and 457. There was also only one series of five plates made for the use of the steam presses—L. 542 to 546, inclusive. It is perhaps needless to say that the stamps were printed by the American Bank Note Company. So far as the writer knows there are no varieties, outside the special printing. A special printing was made of this stamp, and the one of 2 cents.

The proofs and sample stamps should, by all means, be collected.

(To be continued.)

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The Philatelic Pow-Wow—No preliminary discussion of any questions that are to come up for action at the American Philatelic Society convention has been indulged in and there does not seem to be much interest in the legislative possibilities of the convention this year as formerly. The election of the sole ticket in the field, the candidates offered by Chicago, is a foregone conclusion; and so, there will be no political excitement to stir the members as there has been in some of the years past. It is always possible, of course, that during the pow-wow, unexpected angles may be developed that would rasp the feelings of the earnest workers. Little has been heard of the candidates for the seat of the next convention and if the stamp centers are not anxious for the honor of serving the society in 1914, we always have Niagara Falls and Clayton, New York, in reserve; and be it said that the conventions that have been held at these resorts were very satisfactory ones.

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A Great Institution—In an article on the immensity of the world's postal service, we were impressed by the statement that the workings of the organization in their aggregate represent the most stupendous enterprise that the world has ever known. This finding is based on reliable statistics that have been compiled recently which "show that the modern means of communicating with the people of the earth, known as the postal service, is the greatest activity that exists." It is recorded that ninety-seven nations or governments have 275,000 post offices approximately, whose operations embrace an area of over thirty million square miles. The United States with a population of 93,000,000 has the largest number of offices or about 64,000. Of the legion of the world's postal officers, numbering about 1,400,000 our country gives employment to 350,000. The average day's mail mounts to a total of 110,000,000 pieces. Statistics of this kind give an added interest to stamp collecting and lend it a reflected importance; and in enumerating the standard "advantages of philately" one may include with good reason, a knowledge of the world's postal business, "the greatest activity that exists."

Tons Upon Tons—While on the subject of the postal service, it is not out of place to say that some of the large cities of this country are reporting busy times. The large mail-order houses are sending this time of the year huge editions of catalogues inviting autumn trade. We read that at Chicago, "the first instalment of 9,000 tons of third class mail which will be delivered at the post office this month in addition to the regular mail receipts was received at the federal building to-day." To transport this volume of mail, Postmaster Campbell says it will require forty-five trains of ten cars each with twenty tons to each car. Under normal conditions, seven to nine hundred tons of mail are despatched daily from the Chicago office. We are not prepared to say just how much postage the larger catalogues require but we know that very commonly, the fifty cent denomination is preanceled for use on the books.

One of the Old Guard—Twenty-five years ago, one of the prominent philatelic writers was "Wanderer" who was Mr. T. J. Mitchell of Chicago. Mr. Mitchell was a partizan of Patrick Chalmers as the inventor of the ad-

hesive postage stamp and was a leader in the Chalmers Society of Chicago. We were pleased to receive a letter the other day from Mr. Mitchell who wrote from Philadelphia and sent us a batch of old philatelic pamphlets; and in this pleasant way, we heard from him for the first time in twenty years or more. Mr. Mitchell says: "I notice that General Coolidge is mentioned for president of the American Philatelic Society. I remember that I 'wrote him up' for the *Denver Stamp*, about the same time that I did Robert C. H. Brock. I met Mr. Brock here shortly before his death some years ago. * * * I am sending you a soldier's letter postmarked Pochontas, Arkansas, which is something of a novelty nowadays." The letter was from Camp Hardee and postmarked September 14th, 1861, and is the earliest southern soldier's that we have seen; it bears the usual "Paid 10." The envelope shows the Confederate flag in colors with an appropriate stanza of poetry; and the letter too is embellished with the Confederate flag. It may be added that Mr. Brock of Philadelphia was one of the most ardent workers in the old American Philatelic Society and was among the foremost philatelic scholars of America.

Bravo—We commend the keen analysis of Mr. Maxwell Krause of Lebanon, Pa., as exemplified in the following explanation and we offer him a professorship in our university of deductive philately: "I note your query regarding the somewhat hazy paragraph of the *Chicago Daily News*. If you will pardon a somewhat lengthy translation, I shall attempt to show you what is meant. President Britton is the head of the St. Louis National League baseball team. Said team is vulgarly referred to as the Cardinals or Cards. Said team also is the undisputed occupant of the cellar position in the National League. Said team also is referred to by fans by epithets ranging from mild expletives to corrosive and unprintable names and its value if put on the market would hardly buy a luncheon for the auctioneer. The Sporting Editor of the *Chicago Daily News* is acquainted with said failings of the Cards, and wishing to make an apt comparison, he draws on stamp collecting and makes a guess that someone might be willing to give the 'start' of a stamp collection in exchange for the lowly Cardinals. No doubt the editor in question had bought a five hundred variety packet in his unsuspecting youth and had that sad experience in mind. That's a pretty long explanation for a three line paragraph but it's my humble best." So that readers may appreciate the artful solution, we append the cause of the trouble: "President Britton has placed the entire Card team on the market, demonstrating she is not averse to starting a stamp collection."

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OUR REVIEW.

The second part of Senf Brothers' catalogue, which is devoted exclusively to the entire envelopes and postal cards of the countries of the world, has been received. While we have been acquainted with the merits of Part II of the Senf catalogue for the years preceding, we cannot refrain from saying that by comparison the book in hand represents the most exhaustive treatment of its subject that can be conceived of. In Germany, entire envelopes and postal cards are in high collecting favor and elsewhere "entires" are not without friends. Explanation in text and picture is so copious that the work will be valued as a handbook as well as a price-current. The catalogue affords proof that interest in entires must be alert and advanced on the part of a good number of collectors, otherwise so extensive a publication could not be addressed to them. To all those who have any collecting regard for "entires" the second part of the Senf catalogue will be hailed with satisfaction; and all collectors will find that as a book of reference the catalogue is in a class by itself. The book of over 650 pages is a fine example mechanically. Gebruder Senf, Leipzig, Germany.

A. P. S. CONVENTION.

PUT-IN-BAY, OHIO, Aug. 19.—(Special to THE WEEKLY.)—Convention called to order Tuesday by President Cornwall, in Town Hall. Addressed by Commodore Worthington and Mayor Alexander. Attendance over fifty. President Cornwall presented with gold watch. Four hundred thirty votes cast; Chicago ticket almost unanimously elected. President's address and officers' reports read and committees appointed.

HINTS TO WOULD-BE DEALERS IN STAMPS

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

CHAPTER III—Capital.

This question of capital is considered the most vital by those who think of the problems connected with dealing in stamps. "How much capital is needed?" We may answer this question by replying, "More than is represented by dollars and cents." One correspondent writes that he has little cash, but lots of time and grit and asks what his chances are for success. They are excellent for, while cash is a valuable adjunct in any business, cash will materialize where the other qualities are found.

The thing that is most needed is a sufficient knowledge of stamps to do proper justice to your stock and your patrons. It means a steady consultation of catalog and a general booking up of stamp lore. By all means get Poole's "Hints for Stamp Collectors" and it will do you good to commit it to memory. It is a strong word in the way of necessary information. (Price 25c, Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Co., Boston, Mass.) In catalogs there are several. The best English catalog is Gibbons but the one catalog needed is Scott's, for discounts on approval selections are usually based on this catalog. (Price 85c, Scott Stamp and Coin Co., N. Y. City. Address of Stanley Gibbons, 198 Broadway, N. Y. City.)

There are several other authorities that may well be studied. Toppan's "U. S. Envelopes and their Varieties" is an illustrated comprehensive treatise and should be at one's elbow. (Price 10c, Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Co., Boston, Mass.) Melville's books on U. S. stamps are invaluable. They are fully illustrated and very instructive. (Price 45c. W. H. Peckitt, 47 Strand, London, Eng.)

It will be seen that we place emphasis upon one's getting acquainted with his stamps. This acquaintanceship means a splendid asset in capitalizing your business. As to actual cash needed it may be five, fifty or five hundred dollars, but we must leave to another chapter the matter of spending this cash for stock.

A capitalization of time is most necessary. A daily mail means daily attention to the details of business and the ball game and the theatre party must temporarily at least be given a rear seat. If you are in a business that yields you but a living salary it is possible for you to be successful in some other business—if you are willing to pay the price of success!

CHAPTER IV—What Shall I Stock?

Put your money into a general stock leaving out the undesirable countries as you know them. Consult your own likes and dislikes and confirm your judgment, if in doubt, by a note to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

These countries are popular and will no doubt continue to be:—United States and colonies, Great Britain and colonies, (especially the several provinces of the Dominion of Canada), France, German Empire, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, Argentine Republic and other countries could be named.

It was the experience of the writer that he could market any stamp that came his way but at the same time the dealer cannot afford to get a large stock of undesirables. We know a successful Boston dealer who considers one copy of many desirable stamps sufficient to stock, relying upon opportunity to make good the filling of blank spaces in the counter collection. The great lesson that the young dealer needs to learn is not to over-stock. Buy a few of a kind, 50 at the hundred rate and 6 at the dozen rate and trust to luck to replace them. If not replaced, some other good things will come along to claim your cash.

A correspondent wants to know what albums to stock. Don't stock any albums. Leave this branch of the trade

to the old established dealers. There is not enough money in albums, books and catalogs for the small dealer to bother with them. Later you can put them on your printed price lists and get them from Scott, Gibbons, Peckitt or Krassa as needed.

You can easily stock a good hinge and feature it. Get a good one and with it you can secure regular customers for stamps as well as hinges.

We lay emphasis upon the need of a general stock of moderately priced stamps and the purchase of supplies in such form that one can quickly turn them into approval selections. We have purchased collections that never saw a stock book but immediately wended their way to the pages of approval books. Here was economy in service and speedy return of cash on investment.

The young dealer is bound to study the problem presented in this chapter for it is vital to success. Overstocking is a common mistake in the business world and it is the rock upon which many a man has foundered.

CHAPTER V—Where Shall I Buy?

The young dealer must keep his eye open for opportunities for investment. My experience has proven that every wholesale dealer has lines that are probably cheaper than elsewhere, due perhaps to overstocking, or control of the market, or desire to get some cash. We recall how sets of Austrian Jubilee, 1h to 2kr, catalog value 34c, were being sold at varying prices and finally we struck rock bottom with Champion of Paris at \$2.00 per hundred sets for five used copies. Get every wholesale list possible and study them. The columns of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS will show you how to get in touch with wholesale dealers for from them you must of necessity secure your advertised bargains.

The packets advertised by Powell, Cormack, Fulton and Ohlman will give the young dealer a good start on the approval end. These dealers are selling excellent packets at a fraction of catalog value and the stamps make up into attractive and salable approvals. Get the biggest Powell or Cormack packet and give it a trial hinging the stamps upon sheets direct from the packet.

The remainders of collections can frequently be purchased from dealers who have taken out certain rarities needed for stock. These certain stamps will be the bonus for serving as a go-between while the collection in its bereft condition will still be a good investment for the dealer seeking an approval business.

A most prolific source of business is to be found in the auction room. It is amazing to contemplate the manner in which great holdings come upon the auction market, only to be swallowed up and scarcely a ripple on the sea of philately. Scores of auctions are held every season and while collectors secure most of the "single stamps," sets, packets, collections and wholesale lots are at the call of the dealer who wants to add to his stock. Get every auction list you can and with a few bids you will find your feet. Bid low and if you don't get your lots, make your next bid commensurate with what you can sell the stamps for.

See the lots you are bidding on when possible. Lots of 30 Seychilles, 40 Mauritius, 20 Newfoundland, etc., are good lots to get and easily handled. The average collector does not bid on these as they would give him so many duplicates. Watch the columns of the WEEKLY for auction announcements and try the different dealers until you secure satisfactory results.

If you have limited capital buy the biggest packet you can locate and work up your approval sheets for the publicity propositions to be developed in a subsequent chapter.

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CHAPTER VI—Accessories.

Stock Books.—An early need will be a stock book. Purchase the spring back binder with removable leaves as a time saver of great value. Krassa and other dealers will serve you in this respect.

Approval Sheets and Books.—Both are useful, the approval sheets for low priced stamps at varying discounts and the books for stamps of the better grade at net prices. Have your sheets and books neatly printed or purchase them from some dealer who specializes in them. It means much for a selection sent on approval that the one receiving it be favorably impressed with its appearance.

Hinges.—The best is none too good. Get a good peelable article and remember that a small piece of the hinge will hold the stamp. The more hinge you get on the back of a stamp, the more it depreciates in value.

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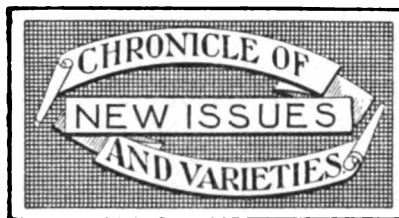
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AUSTRALIA.—The *Australian Philatelist* says that the Postmaster General of Australia has decided to abolish the Kangaroo postage stamp, and to adopt in its place, for the penny stamp as a beginning, the first prize design in the competition arranged two or three years ago. A change in the Government has made this possible, the Fisher Government, just gone out of office, being responsible for the present series, which many Australians regard as ridiculous and think has made Australia the laughing stock of civilized countries. The prize winner at the time of the competition was Harman Altmann, who received £100 for his design for the one penny stamp. This design shows a portrait of the King, with the Arms of the various states of the Australian Confederation.

Present supplies of the Kangaroo stamps will be exhausted before the stamps of the new design will be issued. The Australian Government now has facilities for the prompt execution of new designs and the printing of the stamps. Whether the new design will be used for the stamps above 1d or whether other designs will be adopted for the higher values, will be determined later. The Postmaster General says that the placing of the King's Head on the stamps will bring Australia into line with Great Britain and the Dominions.

Arthur Wm. Parker has shown us a pair of the 5d Kangaroo stamps with the "OS" perforations. The letters are made with large clean cut holes, the design measuring 15 mm. each way.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—According to the *Australian Philatelist*, there were printed 6000 ½d stamps and 10,320 1d stamps of the Canoe type on thin paper. Previous printings on ordinary paper were 9,240 ½d and 104,940 1d stamps.

CANADA.—The Current 2c has appeared in a brighter rosy shade, a specimen having been sent in by Arthur Wm. Parker.

CAROLINE ISLANDS.—*Champion's Bulletin* reports that the 3p brown of 1900 has been seen with "5 Pf" in surcharge, in heavy black type.

Adhesive.
"5pf" on 3p brown.

CUBA.—*Maury's Collectionneur* reports that the Cuban Government has issued a decree authorizing a new series of stamps for postage and telegraph purposes.

FRENCH GUINEA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the full set for this Colony, chronicled sometime since.

GOLD COAST.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 5sh King Edward stamp, as chronicled in No. 1178.

The *Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* reports the 2d King George stamp as having been received on mail from the Colony, postmarked July 9.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The following notice appeared in the *Post Office Circular* of July 29:

"On and after the 1st August, the remaining denominations of George V. adhesive postage stamps—6d, 7d, 8d, 10d, 1s, 10s, and £1—will be issued to postmasters by the Inland Revenue Department.

"The 8d stamp is being issued for the first time. It is printed in sheets of 240, value £8, and postmasters in requisitioning supplies, should make the necessary entry in manuscript on the requisition form pending a reprint of that form.

"The 10s stamp and the £1 stamp are printed in sheets of 40, but they will be supplied to postmasters in half, quarter, or even smaller fractions of sheets.

"The colours of the George V. adhesive postage stamps are as shown below: ½d green; 1d red; 1½d brown; 2d orange; 2½d blue; 3d violet; 4d grey; 5d fawn; 6d purple; 7d bronze-green; 8d black on yellow; 9d agate; 10d light blue; 1s umber; 2s 6d brown; 5s crimson-lake; 10s blue; £1 green.

"Postmasters sub-postmasters, and counter officers, should note that where a stock consists partly of Edward VII. and partly of George V. stamps they should supply George V. stamps when specially asked for, but otherwise, should supply Edward VII. stamps until the stock of such is exhausted."

Commenting on the above, *Marsh's Circular* says:

"In the above note it will be seen that the 8d is described as being issued for the first time, this is scarcely accurate as the 8d orange was first issued in 1876 and this stamp is still available for use as it has never been demonetised. We also notice that the new 5sh which was first described as 'crimson' is now termed 'crimson-lake.' The 8d on yellow paper comes somewhat as a surprise, we knew the value was to have been issued, but we are surprised to

find that the coloured papers are not entirely abandoned. It will be interesting to see if the paper is a G v R paper or a remainder of the 'Crown' paper as previously used for the 3d stamps. From an artistic point of view we regret the stamp is on coloured paper, but we should think, from the postal point of view, an extension of the coloured papers would be an advantage. The 3d and 6d are somewhat alike in colour and the 9d is also liable to confusion, the 4d and 7d are also to be much alike and the 2½d and 10d are also both blue."

It will be noted that the colours officially given differ widely from the usual philatelic standards.

Offices in the Levant.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the "1 Piastre" on 2½d King George stamp, as chronicled in N. 1178.

Marsh's Circular reports that the current 4d King George stamp has been overprinted "1¼ Piastre," in the type of the overprint on the 4d orange King Edward stamp.

Adhesive.
"1¼ Piastre" on 4d slate green.

HUNGARY.—According to Mr. Schachne, a new letter card has just been issued.

Letter Card.
10f brick red on light green; lines of inscription, for Croatia.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The *Australian Philatelist* reports the finding of a new die for the ½d, Scott's Type A17, though apparently the second die has thus far been found only in the blue green stamps on paper watermarked Crown A. In Die II the point of the bust is cut off and does not run into the inner oval line the letters "HA" of "Half" are broader and the figure "1" of the left fraction is ill-shaped. The Australian experts are now trying to explain this new die.

SPAIN.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 4p dark violet and 10p orange brown of the current set. Though catalogued a long time ago they have just come to hand.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 8c King George stamp as recently chronicled.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 2sh and 3sh values in the new set, as chronicled some time since from "Specimen" copies.

SWITZERLAND.—Mr. Schachne has received two new commemorative cards, dated August 1st, 1913. These cards have a face value of 1 cent but are sold by the Government at 5 cents the excess being used to fight the white plague, tuberculosis.

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ANOTHER AMERICAN DEALER ABROAD.

What we said last week about a prominent Boston dealer will apply with equal force to E. B. Power, of the firm of Stanley Gibbons, N. Y. City. A note from the New York office indicates that Mr. Power is in England and this is a distinct tribute not only to the business possibilities of the English market but to the energy and aggressiveness of American dealers. The WEEKLY does not hesitate to enter into competition with English newspapers for English business and a comparison of papers will show how successful we are. Our next step is to compel the dealers of England, France and Germany to favor this country with occasional trips in which business and pleasure may be combined.
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THE native King Cakobau (pronounced Thakombau) in 1858 offered the sovereignty of the Fiji Islands to Great Britain, but the gift was declined. However, the success of the cotton-growing industry in the islands caused such a great increase in the European settlers that they, being desirous for a more settled government, introduced a constitution, which provided for a partly European and partly native government under Cakobau. This arrangement lasted for two years only, and in March, 1874, the sovereignty was again offered to, and again declined by, the British Government.

In October of the same year, however, by an "Act of Cession" the islands were ceded to Britain.

The Fiji group comprises no less than 255 islands and islets, two of them, Viti Levu (4,112 square miles) and Vanua Levu (2,432 square miles) being of considerable size.

In 1870 the proprietors of the *Fiji Times Express* in Levuka issued a series of postal labels which have been always recognised as the first issue of stamps for Fiji.

Several of the Australian Colonies gave them a certain amount of recognition and the fact must not be overlooked that although they were not a Government issue, and, in fact, were simply the result of the enterprise of a newly launched newspaper, yet they did pay postage throughout the group of Fiji Islands and there is also evidence that they paid postage to certain places in Australia.

The stamps were first issued on quadrillé paper on November 1st, 1870, whilst those printed on the laid batonné paper probably appeared about July, 1871.

At first four values, 1d, 3d, 6d and 1s were printed, all on the same sheet, and simply made up from ordinary type and printer's "rule." The sheet consisted of 24 stamps arranged in four rows of six as follows:—

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the figure 3 from stamps numbers 22, 23 and 24 of the plate, and substituting the numeral 9, the other portion of the design being unaltered. Thus all varieties on the first paper occur also on the second.

The stamps on quadrillé paper are much the rarer of the two. Proofs of the first issue exist on ordinary yellow wove paper; there are no reprints, but two sets of imitations were printed at the *Fiji Times* office, presumably to satisfy the demands of collectors, who were often writing in for these stamps. The imitations can easily be distinguished as they are printed on foreign note paper, vertically laid and perforated 12—13, and sometimes imperforate; the colour is a pale pink, generally faded to very pale.

The second set came from completely reconstructed type and consists of five rows of six. The figures differ and the stamps are on thick bright pink paper rouletted by the printer's rule on coloured dividing lines.

What may be called the first legitimate issue of postage stamps for Fiji was made in December, 1871. These were electrotyped and printed at the Government Printing Office, Sydney, N. S. W., on white wove paper, with the watermark "Fiji postage" in small sans-serif capitals across the middle row of each sheet. There were fifty stamps to the sheet, in five horizontal rows of ten; perforation 12½; three values, 1d, 3d and 6d. All values are known imperforate, but were not issued in that state. The central design consisted of a circle enclosing the script "C. R." (Cakobau Rex) surmounted by a crown. The estimated numbers printed were 25,000 of each of the three values.

This issue may be looked upon as an error and was in use only forty-one days, the reason being that the values were expressed in "pence" instead of "cents," and the same type appeared very shortly afterwards surcharged in the equivalent value of cents. This is known as Issue II, of January 13th, 1872; surcharged in black; estimated number printed, 55,000 of each value. This issue was in use for two years and nine months less three days.

Upon the cession of the islands to Great Britain (October 10th, 1874), a new issue was made by overprinting the stamps of King Cakobau with the letters "V. R.", at first in Gothic capitals and afterwards in Roman.

Of the 1d value 35,264 were overprinted; 29,350 of the 3d; and 29,650 of the 6d. In 1875 both the 3d (6c) and the 6d (12c) were surcharged 2d. This issue abounds in varieties, such as stops omitted, varieties of stops, stops out of alignment, inverted "A" for "V," and the 6d is known with inverted overprint in both types.

The next issue, known as the "V. R." monogram issue, was printed in Sydney, at the Government Printing Office, on two kinds of paper; wove and laid. The "V. R." monogram was engraved by Mr. Wm. Bell at a cost of 10s. From this lithographic transfers were taken and the "V. R." monogram printed on plain paper at a cost of £1 10s per 1,200 sheets. The stamps were then printed over the "V. R." lithograph, and the jet black of the V. R. is so strong that it shews through the colours of the stamps. In this issue also several varieties occur, such as specimens imperforate, an error of omission of the "2d" in the surcharge on the 3d green, the variety known as the "damaged corner" etc., etc.

The next issue (1878-90) is known as the "V. R. engraved," and the original die of 1871 was used. The die, engraved on very hard wood, had a hole drilled through it, and a piece of wood with the letter V engraved by hand upon it plugged in where the letter C had been, and the lines of the background made to join as far as possible.

In the 1d the circle formed by the junction of the plug with the old die is very visible. The extreme left curve of the letter R had to be re-engraved on the plug, and is a little thicker than in the original die. The 3d shews slightly the junction of the plug and die and re-

engraving of the part of the R, and the 6d shews the circle very distinctly.

The 1871 stamps had an inner hexagonal design consisting of a thick and a thin line inside the circle, and in removing the "C", portions of these lines were cut away and the engraver omitted to re-engrave them upon his new plug.

A portion of the old die of the 3d of 1871 was also cut out to make a new stamp of 2d, and in so doing the fine curved lines above and below the word three were damaged and the word "two" being shorter than the word "three" the spacing is irregular in the lower label.

About 1891 this old wooden die which had seen so much service was resuscitated; the plug with the word "two" upon it was removed and a new plug with "four" upon it was inserted in its place, and the fine lines above and below "four" were still further damaged, almost disappearing.

These alterations to original dies for the manufacture of new plates extending over nearly twenty years are probably unique in postage-stamp history.

On March 28th, 1881, Mr. Thurston wrote from Fiji to the Government Printing Office, Sydney, ordering 50,000 of the 2d and 30,000 of the 6d stamps, which were shipped on April 11th, of that year. On May 3rd, Mr. Thurston acknowledged their receipt and pointed out that the 2d value had erroneously been printed in the colour of the 1d and asked that 50,000 be printed in proper colour. This error was first chronicled in the *London Philatelist* of December, 1892, and it is said that only one specimen was saved, this being sold for £50. The whole parcel of errors, with this solitary exception, was destroyed.—*Stamp Collectors Fortnightly*.

N. Z. PAPERS FOR THE NOVICE.

By R. F. JOYCE.

(1). *London Paper*.—Used by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons for producing the first printings of the Pictorials and the penny "Universal" issue. This paper has no watermark; it is of medium thickness, with slightly creamish surface. It sometimes has a yellowish transparent appearance, due to the stamp being packed between the sheets of oiled paper.

(2). *Waterlow-No-Watermark*.—This paper is thick, soft, almost spongy, and without watermark. It has not taken the perforation too well. The colour is slightly creamish.

(3). *Waterlow-Watermarked*.—This paper is the same as the last, except that it has a double lined "N. Z. and Star" watermark, which is often very difficult to see, even with benzine. (With a little practice one can always tell a Waterlow by feeling it.)

(4). *Basted Mills*.—This paper has a double-lined "N. Z. and Star" watermark (easily visible with benzine), and is thin and crisp. A useful test is to bend one corner of the stamp and let it fly back; if on "Basted Mills" paper it will produce a sound not unlike a metallic ring.

(5). *Cowan-no-Watermark*.—A thin to medium paper, without watermark. The paper has a whiter appearance than the "London" and can also be distinguished from it by perforation and colour. Care must be taken in comparing it with the "Basted"—it has neither the "ring" nor the watermark.

(6). *Cowan-Watermarked*.—Paper as last, but having an easily distinguishable single-lined "N. Z. and Star" watermark.

(7). *Cowan-Watermark-Chalky*.—This paper is as last, but has a chalky surface, and is sent out from England ready gummed. It is only used for surface printing.

(8). *Lisbon Paper*.—This is a paper which was only used for the 6d large die. The paper has "Lisbon Superfine" in two lines watermarked once in each sheet.

(9). *Ribbed Paper*.—This is called "laid" in the catalogue. The paper has no watermark, and was only used for a small printing of the 2s green, perf. 11.

STAMPS TO BUY — NEW SOUTH WALES.

Few stamps have retained a world-wide popularity so consistently and so long as the so-called Sydney views. These stamps certainly bear a "view" and they have the credit of being the first "pictorials" ever issued, but the view is not a view of Sydney, nor any place else for the matter of that. It is entirely an allegorical picture taken from the first great seal of the Colony; and although the conception was not original, so far as the stamps were concerned, the idea of reproducing the "reverse" of the great seal of New South Wales was a splendid idea. Probably it is owing to this grandeur of conception and the mysterious Latin inscriptions, which make the Sydney view stamp so attractive, but there are other reasons as well. Of the 1d values there were twenty-five on a plate, of the 2d twenty-four, and of the 3d twenty-five also. These were all engraved separately by hand, each denomination being the work of a different artist and, in addition, there were two plates of the 1d, different in a major detail, and five plates or stages of the 2d, some being prepared by different artists. Further there were several minor varieties of detail which may not perhaps be visible at a casual glance.

It will be seen, therefore, that the ramifications of the Sydney views are very extensive. They are plateable; i.e., a plate as it was originally printed could be reconstructed; and it is the endeavor to attain this object which causes such a strong demand for "views." Then again the difficulty of reconstructing the plates is increased by that of getting the stamps of any one plate all the same color.

It will be seen, therefore, that, while to an ordinary general collector three "views," namely one each 1d, 2d, and 3d, will be all that will be necessary, those collectors who make a special study of these stamps will absorb many hundreds.

We do not say it boastfully, but it is generally conceded that, philatelically, New South Wales is the premier British Colony, and that the Sydney "view" stamps stand head and shoulders above all others. They may be termed philatelic consols or gilt-edged securities.

The advances in catalogue prices have not at any time been phenomenal, but the increase has been steady and consistent. Within the past few years the demand for fine specimens has increased in proportion to the difficulty of securing them, consequently present day catalogue prices do not by any means reflect the catalogue market value of all Sydney "views."

Messrs. Gibbons state in their catalogue that "the prices of Sydney views are for fair average specimens; extra fine and early impressions can be supplied at commensurate prices." It will be seen, therefore, that this is another case of "condition affects the value materially."

That the "views" are good stamps to buy there is no gainsaying. Like British Consols, they may not yield a very large return to the investor; but money put into Sydney views is as safe as if it were put into the Bank of England. Care should, however, be taken to see that the prices paid are commensurate with the condition, for there is so much that is necessary to determine the real value of these stamps. For instance, an early impression with wide margins lightly postmarked and good color, is worth a prior consideration at all times. Pairs, strips, and blocks of such stamps have been known to fetch two, three or even four times the prices quoted in the various catalogues.

But on the other hand poor copies, such as defective stamps, those faded in color, or heavily marked, are not desirable property, for it is not a case of "half of loaf is better than no bread," for while the ordinary collector may be satisfied with medium specimens, those who specialize in views and take the bulk of those which come on the market insist upon fine condition, or not at all.

Some people get carried away with

the idea that if a stamp in good condition is worth, say, £2, a copy a little inferior ought to be worth 30s, while a really poor copy should be priced at 10s, but that is a fallacy, for while a good stamp may be worth even more than £2 those stamps which are much below "par," so to speak, are very unsaleable at any price.

This remark applies to nearly all other "classic" stamps, and, while some collectors ridicule the strides which the "condition" question has made of recent years, it must be admitted that nice stamps in a collection are very much preferable to dirty ones dotted here and there over the pages.

That Sydney views will increase much in value in the next future, we cannot presume to foretell. The fact remains, however, that while the demand seems to be on the increase, the original sources of supply, such as the old chests of drawers, deed boxes, trunks, safes and escritoirs in Australia have been ransacked so that, whereas fifteen or twenty years ago local dealers had opportunities to buy over the counter little handfuls of views torn off pieces of the envelopes, it is now practically a thing of the past, and nine-tenths of those who hold Sydney views know a good deal of what we have written as to their value.

At one time a seller reckoned that if he or she got £5 or £10 for a little parcel of stamps, they were doing very well and that the party who paid the money was a "lunatic," but that is now all changed, and when a man or woman wishes to sell Sydney views they take them round to about half a dozen dealers in this city and endeavour to get offers from everyone, pitting the one against the other in the same manner as if the goods were being sold by auction.

Many of the best "views" are going out of the country, and the gradual increase in prices has tempted a few collectors to sell, and probably others will come on the market from time to time, but, from a dealer's point of view, at present day prices, taking the margin between buying and selling, they do not yield anything like the profit which some of the commoner kinds do.

Probably there are still fairly good numbers of the views in Australia. One of our biggest collectors can lay claim to probably eight or nine hundred of them, and his collection could not be termed "an accumulation," for probably four-fifths at least of the stamps all differ from each other in some particular. A few other collectors hold fairly good numbers on similar lines, but although between four and five hundred Sydney views were put on the market towards the latter part of last year they were all practically absorbed by a few collectors.

Some people who are "sellers" take the idea that better prices will be obtainable next or the year after, and they hold on. This may be practically true, and if a man kept his collection for the next thousand years it would most likely be worth more than it is at the present day.

Besides knowing what, how, and when to buy, it is just as well to have a little knowledge as to when and how to sell, but this is quite outside our subject. For the present we leave it for the personal consideration of our friends.

It may be remarked that the reason there were so many kinds of Sydney views during the short period they were in existence (less than two years) is that the designs were engraved on copper, which, being soft, wore away very quickly.

The "laureates" stamps which superseded the "views" occupy a position amongst philatelists second only to their predecessors.

They were engraved in similar manner by two of the artists who were responsible for the views. There were more denominations, namely, 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d, and 8d. All except the 6d were in plates of fifty (a plate of which consists of 25), and as before they were separately engraved by hand, so that no two are exactly alike.

At first all were printed on un-water-marked paper, but subsequently the 1d

2d, and 3d denominations were printed on paper with a numeral of value, so it will be seen, therefore, that there is quite a big field for study. While there was only one plate of the 1d and 3d, there were three plates of the 2d. Plate II, being known as the variety "with stars and corners," and plate III, with a background of crossed lines. There were also two stages of the 6d, one having a fine back-ground and the other a coarse back-ground.

Owing to mistakes on the part of the engraver there were several prominent varieties of all the denominations. These are particularly looked for by most collectors, and, when the task of reconstructing a plate is entered upon, they are all necessary. It will be seen, therefore, that there is a big field open to the collectors of the laureate stamps only, if he desires to make a special study of them, and that, to get the shades and kinds he requires, he may be obliged to handle hundreds of these stamps. A complete collection of them, including a separate plate of each stage and color on water-marked and unwater-marked paper would run into upwards of 1,000 stamps, all of which would be different in some particular.

The 1d and 2d denominations both on unwater-marked and water-marked paper are fairly common, but strange to say the 3d values are exceedingly scarce in Australia, although fairly plentiful in England. This may be accounted for by the fact that at that time 3d was the ship letter rate to Great Britain and most of the 3d stamps used went there.

The 6d and 8d laureate are fully as scarce as their catalogue price would indicate, and stamps in really good condition more so. It is astonishing how many poor copies of the 8d laureate, which are to be seen in comparison with good specimens, and we have no hesitation in predicting that in the very near future the catalogue prices of the 3d, 6d and 8d laureates will advance materially. For many years very few have come on the market, and in many collections we have examined they are notable for their absence.

The diadem stamps first issued in 1854 had an existence of six years in an imperforate state. In 1860 they first appeared perforated, apparently two machines being used. Good copies of the imperf. stamps, especially those with large margins, are difficult to procure, and, excepting the 2d, they are not at all plentiful. Perforated stamps of the same issue are exceedingly interesting. The 11½-12 perforations are not, according to our experience, as plentiful in proportion to the 12½, 13 perfs., as Gibbons' catalogue prices would indicate.

The 5s deep and bright violet, catalogue numbers 141 and 142 are worth very much more than 10s a piece. There are very few about in this country. These stamps should not be confounded with those issued in 1897, and included amongst the numbers S. G. 171 to 177; they are a different color altogether.

Before concluding this article, we think it well to mention that the fact of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons not pricing a stamp unused or used does not always indicate that it is scarce, and consequently worth a lot of money. In some cases we understand that the fact of certain stamps not being priced is merely an indication that Messrs. Gibbons had not the stamps in stock at the time of publication or that they did not feel justified in affixing a definite price to those they had.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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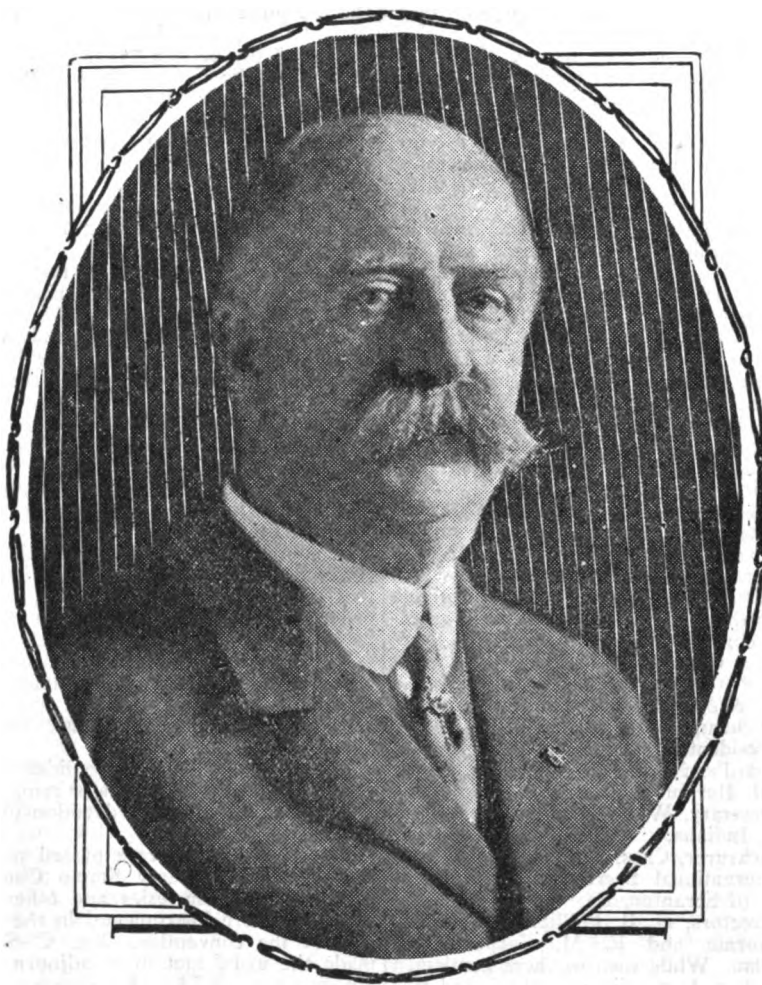
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The sessions of the annual convention were held at the town hall of Put-in-Bay, Ohio, on August 19th, 20th and 21st, respectively. There were but four sessions necessary for the transaction of the business and at that, there was ample time for the work. Each year the committees dispose of more of the business that formerly was handled in the open convention and the plan works to the advantage of the society. However, even as a ratification meeting a philatelic convention is an interesting gathering and Put-in-Bay's convention well illustrated the fact.

President F. R. Cornwall presided with dignity and quiet force and was alert to see that the sessions did not drag. After the convention was called to order at 10.15 A. M., Tuesday, President Cornwall introduced Commodore George H. Worthington of Cleveland, whose philatelic fame is world wide and he regaled the members with a talk on the history of Put-in-Bay. Mayor Alexander followed with a further description in lighter vein of the municipality over which he ruled.

Chester Myers of St. Louis read a tribute to the retiring president and in the name of the collectors of Missouri in particular, he presented a gold watch to President Cornwall who rallying from the delightful shock made a graceful acknowledgement.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the following officers had been elected for the ensuing year, almost unanimously:

President, C. A. Coolidge of Detroit. Board of Vice Presidents, Messrs. Good, Barnum and Rust of Cleveland. Secretary, Wm. C. Ault of Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Treasurer, Chas. F. Mann of Chicago. International Secretary, L. H. Kjellstedt of Scranton, Pa.

Directors, H. B. Phillips of Berkeley, California and E. M. Carpenter of Boston. While each of these gentlemen was elected as a director, the board was organized according to the recommendations of the voters. The candidates were elected by a vote of from 410 to 428 and there was the usual "scattering" votes. Only a few over four hundred members were represented by proxy but as the only proxy vote was taken on the next convention there was no occasion otherwise to use them.

The address of President Cornwall was an able review of the past year and a recommendation of plans for the attention of the society. All of the other reports of officers and committees were listened to attentively and without exception they were creditable documents. After the usual committees had been appointed the first session was closed.

At the Tuesday afternoon session and later ones, telegraphic greetings were read from the Chicago Philatelic Society, H. Wesley Legg and others. A congratulatory telegram was ordered sent to E. Doebelin of Pittsburgh. Long telegrams were received from "Parnassus Penflip" and "Count Lapp de Booz," respectively, amid much confusion.

It was recommended that the Educational Committee work be continued not directly under the auspices of the society as heretofore but by an independent bureau. The difficulty in securing members for the Educational Committee made the move an advisable one.

The proposal to establish an academy to be composed of members who distinguish themselves by great philatelic achievements or meritorious service was rejected and seemingly the project had no supporters on the floor.

Niagara Falls was chosen as the place for the next convention after some debate, on a proxy vote; its nearest competitors were Baltimore and Rochester. No invitations were received from philatelic centers and failing them, a resort was selected.

A special committee was named by the president in the persons of Messrs. Klein, Stone and Klemann to enter an exhibit of the publications of the American Philatelic Society in the International Philatelic Exhibition at New York.

Among the items submitted for consideration and possible action in the future were:

A proposal to brand counterfeits so as to remove any danger from their possible circulation.

A proposal to remove all restrictions of the power of the sales superintendent.

A proposal that the Board of Vice Presidents proceed against frauds when by common knowledge they are known to be such without waiting for the presenting of an affidavit.

When Mr. Ault as editor of the official journal, the *American Philatelist*, read his report, he was cheered to the echo. He told of the modest beginning and steady progress of the paper and its expectations for the future. There was no question of the advisability of continuing the *American Philatelist*. So that confusion might be avoided, it was ordered that no other publication should be known as the official journal.

The present appointive officers of Sales Superintendent and Examiner of Salesbooks, and Librarian and Assistant Librarian and Attorney were named again.

The speech of General Coolidge when acclaimed president was a stirring one and left no doubt of his devotion to the society.

After resolutions were passed thanking the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland for courtesies and others as well who were instrumental in the success of the convention, Wm. C. Stone made the usual motion to adjourn *sine die*, at noon on Thursday, August 21st, 1913.

SONORA DECLARED A FREE STATE.

Sonora, a Mexican State on the United States border-line, has declared itself a free State and to show its independence has passed a regulation that no letters will be accepted by the Sonora post office department unless franked with special postage stamps issued by the revolutionists. The stamp is a home-made affair, set by hand. A lithographed seal in green shows a liberty-cap and the scales of justice. Printed on the seal is a circle with the denomination in red ink. At the top is the word "Coreos" (postage). On the second line "Estado Libre y Soberano" (Free and Sovereign State). At the bottom, in two lines, "Decreto de 13 de Marzo de 1913" (decree of March 13, 1913.)

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OUR REVIEW.

Stamps of the Levant Post Offices by D. B. Armstrong, being number three in Bright's Philatelic Library. Its ten chapters deal with stamps issued at offices controlled by Austria, Russia, France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Roumania, Egypt and Greece. There are two maps, half tones of the British and French post offices at Constantinople and scores of stamp cuts. The book is a marked contribution to the literature of our hobby. The price of the book is not stated but we will supply it at our usual price 20c.

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NEW YORK EXHIBITION NEWS.

By EUGENE KLEIN.

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Other donations and also applications to membership in the Association for Stamp Exhibitions are acceptable, but must be in the hands of the Executive Committee not later than September 25th, as otherwise they cannot be included in the lists of the Official Exhibition Catalogue.

Applications for exhibition space are coming in from noted collectors from all parts of the world and the capacity of the exhibition building will be taxed to the utmost.

Visitors during the exhibition week will find many interesting entertainments provided. The doors of the Exhibition will be opened on Monday, October 27th, at 2 P. M. The formal opening will take place at 8 P. M. on Tuesday evening. The New York Stamp Society will give a German Night with all the German Finesse, garnishings and trimmings; this will take place at Allaire's Scheffel Hall, 190 Third Avenue; this is one of the most typical German restaurants in New York.

The grand banquet will be held on Thursday evening. Particulars later.

The Collectors' Club will entertain guests on Saturday and serve lunch from 1 to 3. Ladies are also expected

to attend all the entertainments.

Members of the Philadelphia Stamp Club will visit the exhibition in a body on Saturday.

KALAMAZOO VERY ACTIVE.

Members of the Kalamazoo Stamp club were given a treat Aug. 19, when Brigadier General H. H. Bandholtz, U. S. A., of Manila, P. I., displayed his collection of Philippine stamps.

The general has the most valuable and complete collection of the stamps of the islands in the world. He has copies of every stamp issued for the Philippines with the exception of a few isolated errors. The collection is valued at several thousand dollars.

General Bandholtz promised President George P. Hopkins and members of the club to display his collection of United States stamps before the club within the next few weeks before he returns to duty.

The general has one of the largest collections in the world. In 1899 he sold his twentieth century collection of foreign stamps so he could specialize in United States and colonies.

The offices of Dr. Arthur Bruce, secretary of the club, were crowded by enthusiastic stamp collectors and club members.—Gazette.

HOW FAST SHOULD STAMPS ADVANCE?

An old and valued correspondent used to write us occasionally his ideas as to the amount which stamps in the Catalogue should advance from year to year. He used to figure up his own collection each year when the catalogue appeared and report the results. This gentleman was very strenuous in his contention that stamp prices should not be increased in large jumps. He believed that if a \$10.00 stamp was advanced to \$20.00, the result would be that other copies bought in the past at lower figures would be offered during the next year or two and the \$20.00 quotation would either be subject to large discounts or else it would have to be reduced again so that collectors who meanwhile had bought at the \$20.00 quotation would be disgusted. An average advance of 10 per cent. a year over a period of ten years was, in his opinion, more permanently beneficial to stamp collecting and fully warranted by natural demand and supply.—Scott Circular.

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GREAT BRITAIN, 1840 1d black, fine used square blocks of 4 and 6, with red Maltese Cross postmarks, particulars of these rare and desirable pieces sent on request.

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Mint block of four ditto..... .76

King George, 1/4d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, with the special postmark of the 5th British Philatelic Congress Edinburgh, 1913, used on original cover, interesting and rare thus..... .65

*INDIA, King George, large bi-col. 1 rupee, superb design..... .40
Mint block of four ditto..... 1.60

*ITALY, 1913, provisionals, 2/5c, 2/10c, and 2/15c, overprinted on handsome large 1911 issue..... .04

*NABHA, (on India), 1910, King Edward, the very rare 2 1/2c, ultramarine NORTH BORNEO, 1909, Pictorials, used on entire original envelopes! 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c, (8 different designs) very fine..... .45
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EDITORIAL.

All Serene—The convention of the American Philatelic Society at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, was a rather placid and unexciting one in its working hours but any of the spectacular elements that were lacking were well supplanted by quiet, effective work. The yearly reports showed that progress was maintained at an even gait and that earnest and successful efforts were made to discharge the obligations of office. The committees appointed at the convention did not neglect their duties but on the contrary, performed them conscientiously. The entertainment was of fitting kind and the social communion of the delegates and friends was the more intimate because of the somewhat limited boundaries, characteristic of a gay summer resort of the kind. The beautiful natural surroundings of Put-in-Bay added spirit to the enjoyment of the philatelic vacation and we doubt that any of the seventy-five members will say after reaching home and reviewing the week mentally that the trip was not well worth while. The members of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland who had the arrangements and programme in charge may rest assured that the culmination of their weeks of work is remembered with kindness and appreciation.

Called To Order—At the town-hall of Put-in-Bay, the convention was called to order by President Cornwall on the morning of August 19th, 1913. George H. Worthington, the great Cleveland collector welcomed the delegates and sketched the history of the island in connection with the Perry celebration, in the planning of which, Commodore Worthington, it may be interposed here, had a conspicuous part. The rich and varied historical suggestions of the place were fully explained, to the interest and instruction of the auditors. Mayor Alexander entertained with a humorous account of the local conditions of his town, whose permanent population is

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about 350. Thereupon, Mr. Myers of St. Louis, handed his fellow townsman, President Cornwall, a handsome gold watch with fraternal inscriptions and with the seal of the society sunk in the case. Though touched by the surprise, President Cornwall managed to voice his heartfelt thanks for the beautiful tribute. Mr. Myers read the following presentation remarks:

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"In choosing our friend and fellow Philatelist, Frederick R. Cornwall, to preside over its destinies, The American Philatelic Society signally honored, as well, his friends, his city, and his state.

In appreciation we would constantly remind Mr. Cornwall that this honor has been mutually enjoyed. The highest office within the gift of The American Philatelic Society could not have been his had he not given freely of his time and talents to the uplifting of our Hobby.

In our constant association with him we have learned to appreciate his help and guidance in everything appertaining to Philately.

In accepting the accompanying token he will, we trust, remember for all time to come, that his efforts have been prized by us. It is our hope that often as he seeks to learn the time of day, he will be reminded that we have profited while he has so well served Philately.

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A Disappointment—The report of the committee on credentials showed a proxy representation of 406 members, a record that was a discouraging one in the estimation of some of the delegates as indicating a low degree of interest on the part of the members generally. Though several of the delegates had their full allotment of fifty proxies, they were well distributed otherwise. Of ballots, 446 were cast and 430 counted; and of them, Wm. C. Ault received 426 while the other candidates were bunched at a slightly lower count. In the belief that the omission of members to vote and have representation at the convention is the result of procrastination, the secretary hereafter will send a return stamped envelope in the cover enclosing the blank forms. With so small a proxy vote, the convention might find itself unable to transact important business on occasion. See Article XIII.—Amendments for further information on this subject. There was no political contest this year to engage the attention of the members and though we smile and say nothing when some well-meaning gentleman avers that all politics is bad for our society and that harmony with the "r" well rolled should prevail, we cannot help winking at the chap who like we think that he knows human nature a bit.

A Good Message—The president's report was closely followed as it was full of meat and not a string of philatelic platitudes, as messages of the kind have been known to be. Among the recommendations was one that advocated a sort of philatelic alliance between Washington and the American Philatelic Society so that the society could act as

a sort of philatelic conservator for the authorities when they are called upon to attempt the solution of stamp problems. It was particularly wished that the arrangement of the government stamp collections be proceeded with on systematic lines. President Cornwall's message made the introduction of the resolution that was printed here in the issue of August 16th unnecessary for the time being. The report of the board of vice-presidents afforded a good insight into the volume of work performed by that "efficiency board" and an analysis of the duties fully proves that the vice-presidents are the policemen of the society, as has been said.

Niagara Next Year—The selection of the convention seat for 1914 created a diversion and some confusion but the members enjoyed themselves during this play-time. The committee appointed to report on the place of the next convention referred the choice to a committee of three to be named by the president for an early report. This committee could not agree and each of the members made an individual recommendation. Baltimore, Rochester, Macinaw, Alexandria Bay and Niagara Falls were all nominated finally and after arguments were made in support of each of the places and as to the suitability of resort over the city and vice versa, a proxy vote returned Niagara Falls the winner by a fair margin. It is our belief that the summer resort is the place for the convention when none of the philatelic centers tender an invitation. Some of us cannot take both a vacation and a trip to the convention the same summer and we hewers of wood and drawers of water must be given due consideration as well as the upper ten. Combination is the order of the day.

Rescind Your Halo Order—The question of an academy of philatelic immortals seems to have become a football of unkind fate. Nobody had anything to say about the proposed august assemblage of the truly great of philately and the subject attracted no notice or inquiry as its shroud was prepared. Perhaps, the academy for the seats of the mighty is not a closed incident but the convention seemed to think that it was. No doubt, it was just as well as we had been informed by several of the stalwarts that they were primed to drown the suggestion in a flood of ridicule and sarcasm. We should have liked to have seen the fireworks but anyway, halos will not be in style this year.

To Exhibit—After President Cornwall had called attention to the interest of the A. P. S. in the forthcoming exhibition at New York, it was decided that the American Philatelic Society make an entry in the proper section for the display of its productions in a literary and journalistic way. However, all the details are to be arranged by a committee consisting of Messrs. Klein, Stone and Klemann who will have everything in charge.

Ozations—General Charles A. Coolidge was given a great reception when his election was announced and he responded with a ringing speech that reflected the affection that he feels for the organization. F. R. Cornwall, the retiring president, received remarkable tributes of the esteem in which he is held, on several different occasions; and we feel sure that his last day of office was full recompense for his sacrifice of time for the last two years.

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back paper. I was therefore much sur-
prised to find the G.P.O. selling on the
2nd April this year (1913) a 3d Georgian
printed on a white back paper. I
promptly bought a pane of 60 of these
stamps for my collection and then en-
quired of the Stamp Office if the stamp
was a paper error. The officers of that
department had already noted the altera-
tion in paper, but could not say if it was
intentional or not, they, however, told
me that, even if the white back paper
was an error it would not be a rarity as
all the stamps they then had in stock were
printed on the same paper. I should
suppose that Messrs. De La Rue ran
short of the yellow back paper and used
the white back to print the now current
3d on—but I do not suppose the (forced)
error will be repeated, still, if you, my
reader, are a live collector get some
duplicates at once, as delay is always
dangerous. I may say that the face
colour—the brown—of this white back
3d is so different to the issue of March
6th that the very blind will notice it.

HINTS TO WOULD-BE DEALERS IN STAMPS

By THE MANAGING EDITOR.

CHAPTER VII—Publicity.

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out some plan whereby he has agencies
and influences exploiting his wares.

We do not mean by this that the
young stamp dealer must launch out with
a big campaign of displayed space in
MEKEEL'S WEEKLY. This is probably
the very thing he ought not to do for
two reasons, viz., lack of varied stock
and surplus cash. Even as these lines
are penned a young dealer writes ask-
ing if he could locate \$100.00 through
our influence, the same to be used in
purchasing stamp stock. In return we
advised the young man not to go into
debt for a stock of stamps for once this
millstone of debt is fastened on a per-
son, it seems impossible to break the
chain.

Put as much money into stock as you
can afford and plan to pay promptly any
bills incurred, certainly in 30 days (bet-
ter still 10 days). Such publicity as
you plan to engage in should be paid
for in accordance with your advertising
contracts and such bills should have
the same attention as bills for rent, tele-
phone and office lighting.

Don't allow yourself to be carried
away with the idea that people are going
to tumble over one another in their mad
rush to do business with you! People
are not so anxious to spend their money
as one who puts out his shingle may
imagine. A business man to win success
must experiment, study, dig and sacri-
fice—it's hard work, and not an after-
noon tea that lies before you. But
there is a keen enjoyment in experienc-
ing the thrill of success and to realize
that the pound of energy produces re-
sults.

A dealer must needs use the columns
of the philatelic press. He cannot af-
ford to do otherwise and the classified
columns of the various papers will give
him very moderate rates. The "Trade
Column" of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY (20c per
line, 50 lines for \$7.50 in advance to be
used at will) is no doubt the cheapest
stamp advertising in the world and es-
pecially fitted for the young dealer. Sim-
ilar advertising can be placed in the var-
ious philatelic publications, not only of
this country but of Canada, England,
and the continent.

For ideal advertising the displayed
columns of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY is the *ne
plus ultra*. The rate (\$3.60 per inch
transient, \$1.80 per inch on contract)
offers the cheapest service in the world.
It has (Sept. 1, 1913) 7,000 subscribers
and its books are open for inspection at
all times. It is the only stamp paper
published that states publicly its sub-
scription figures and the management of
the WEEKLY intends to pass the 10,000
mark in the near future. It has a clien-
tele not equalled by any stamp paper in
the world and is strongly entrenched in
the affections of its readers. The stamp
dealer who for any reason refuses to
take advantage of the publicity ME-
KEEL'S WEEKLY offers is indeed short-
sighted.

The boys' papers such as the *Ameri-
can Boy* (Detroit, Mich.), *Boys' Maga-
zine* (Smithport, Pa.), *Boys' World* (El-
gin, Ill.) are all good papers in which to
advertise for the boy trade. Rate cards
from the several offices, showing mini-
mum space can be easily secured.

A New York dealer advertises a fine
pocket stock book, value 50c, to any one
purchasing within a given time \$5.00
worth of stamps from his price lists of
single stamps, sets, etc. He can afford
to do this and it is a good publicity
proposition.

A common practice is to offer coupons
with purchases redeemable on a further
purchase from price lists or advertised
offers. An inventive mind will evolve
publicity schemes that will prove help-
ful in advertising one's business.

CHAPTER VIII—Displayed Advertising.

When we were actively engaged in
the stamp business our patrons fre-
quently wrote us that as soon as their
papers were received they invariably
turned to the corner in which our ad-
vertisement was located. We had no
difficulty in giving the proper paper
credit as we never advertised in any
other publication than MEKEEL'S
WEEKLY.

There is an individuality in advertis-
ing and one cannot fail to note it in these
days of ad. writers and advertising
agencies. Coupled with this there should
be a certain "fitness" of things that
makes an advertisement successful. One
who advertises stamps must go to a
stamp journal, a boys' paper or a general
publication like *Popular Mechanics*, ap-
pealing to the masses. The general run
of popular magazines is a proposition
too expensive to consider.

Even after the medium has been se-
cured the best of endeavor in framing
up an advertisement may bring no
fruitage. What one considers a good ad-
vertisement may turn out poorly in re-
turns, while a hastily written advertise-
ment may be a success. We shall not
forget how overwhelmed we were with
orders for the 2½p New Zealand, "Lake
Wakaitipu" error, when subsequent bar-
gains were spurned—and we wondered
why! While, however, very few adver-
tisements ever paid for themselves in di-
rect returns, the year's business showed
that our advertising bill had been amply
justified.

We often study advertising copy and
wonder that dealers should offer such
careless work. Let us illustrate what we
have in mind by reproducing an adver-
tisement:—

* 8 Grenada	.40
* 151 No. Borneo	.12
* 44 Azores	.08
* 19 France	.05
* 34 St. Lucia	.20
* 33 St. Lucia	.12
* 254 Persia	.20

STAR STAMP CO., STARVILLE, MASS.

What is the matter with this adver-
tisement? Simply this, not enough de-
tail! Who will take the catalog and
look up six different countries to find
out what these stamps are? The ad-
vertiser should go on the principle of
making it just as easy as possible for the
reader to connect with his wares. On
the other hand, let us present an ad-
vertisement that has the earmarks of
business about it:—

UNDER THE MARKET!

Azores 1882, 50r blue	Cat. Price
Bosnia 1879, in gray lilac	.35 .15
Br. Gambia 1876 12c lilac	.25 .10
Ceylon 1904, 4c yellow and blue	.60 .30
Nicaragua 1906, 50c on 6c	.05 .02
* Fernando Po 1900, 10c claret	1.00 .40
" 1900, 20c olive brown	.30 .14
" 1900, 20c olive brown	.75 .35

APPROVALS. EXCHANGES MADE.
W. F. GREANY, 800 Guerrero St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Only twelve lines but the whole thing
is attractive. Moreover, Mr. Greany
adds to his special offerings the propo-
sition to exchange if unable to do any
other kind of business. He is bound to
come in contact with stamp collectors
and this should be the aim of every ad-
vertisement.

Sell your stamps in your advertised
offers close to cost, just as closely as
possible and use them as a means of
introduction to your patrons. Treat
them honestly and fairly and you will
have them for regular customers. If
you get a thing that is new to the mar-
ket add a living profit only, and your
customer will find no fault if he suffers
with you a slump in the market. He
will despise you and the stamp trade if
you charge him \$20.00 for a stamp that
costs you \$2.00. Live and let live!

It is well to have several copies of
an advertised stamp, but it is difficult
laying down any hard and fast rule.
State the fact if you have only one copy

(Continued on page 287.)

IF

you like to buy some good bargains ask
"ARARAT'S SPECIALS."

IF

you have duplicates to sell place them with
"ARARAT'S SPECIALS."

Australia (Kangaroo)	
5sh used	0.50; unused 1.50
Transvaal 5sh King Edw., M.C.A., used	.50
New South Wales 2sh 6d gr. (lyre bird) used	.15
" 5sh red violet (medallion)	.50
" 10sh carmine and violet	1.00

ARARAT STAMP CO.
45 Beaver St., New York

North Borneo, 1904, Mint —
Nos. 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131,
132, 133, Catalogue \$2.80. My price \$1.75 set.
Postage extra.
J. A. Galbraith, 16 Beaver St., N. Y. City

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FULTON STAMP CO., 102 W. 42nd St., N. Y.

SWEDEN

Scott's No. 6, 5 Or Green	.06
" 9, 12 " Ultramarine	.08
" 10, 24 " Orange	.10
" 11, 30 " Red Brown	.10
" 12, 50 " Rose	.25
" 13, 3 " Blister Brown	.05
" 14, 17 " Red Violet	.80
" 16, 20 " Vermillion	.08
" 27, 1 R.D. Blister & Blue	.20
" 66, 5kr Blue	.40

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95 cents.

E. W. SMITH

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to extend a bit of complimentary men-
tion to our patrons especially when we
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tor to London two years ago one of the
biggest advertising contracts ever written
by the WEEKLY was made with the old
and reliable house of W. H. Peckitt.

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are two in number "rare stamps" and
"new issues." In both lines the firm
has achieved a distinct success. Its pur-
chasers of great collections has brought
the cream of rarities to the collections
of its patrons while it is the recognized
depot for new issues of all countries.

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Peckitt prides himself upon the service
he has given his customers, and well
may he do so, for many provisional
issues have been distributed in his 10 per
cent. over face service. Even now as
we learn from the philatelic press that
a new set for Tibet is about to be is-
sued the recent crude provisional issue is
advertised in the WEEKLY at a nominal
figure. Only in Peckitt's new issue ser-
vice have these stamps been distributed
at any figure approaching face value.

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new issue and takes to the value of
\$2.50 denominations in nearly all coun-
tries.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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TIBET, Provisional Native issue, Set of five denominations **.73**
GREECE, Overprinted "Provisional Government,"
 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 40, 50 lepta, Set of 9 **.54**
 do. 1, 2, 3 drachma, Set of 3 **1.80**
 Overprinted "Lemnos"
 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 lepta, Set of 9 **.60**
 do. 1, 2, 3 drachma, Set of 3 **1.80**
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, 4d, .12; 6d, .16; 1sh, .28; .56
INDIA, 2½a new die **.08**
JAIPUR STATE, Lithogr'd perforated, ½a, .02; 4a, .12; .14
SEYCHELLES, 6c, .04; 12c, .06; 18c, .08; 30c, .14; 45c, .18; 75c, .28 **.78**
SOUTH, 3p on 1a green **.08**
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PORTUGAL, Commemorative stamps, 1c, .02; 2c, .04; .06

SPAIN, 4 pesetas, .96; 10 pesetas, **2.28** **3.24**
GOLD COAST, King Edward Head, 5sh green and carmine on yellow **1.56**
FRENCH GUINEA, Set 1c to 1fr **1.04**
 2frs, .48; 5frs, **2.10** **1.68**
LEVANT, 1p on 2½d King George, new type **.08**
JAMAICA, 4d red and orange **.12**
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, 8c **.08**
SOUTHERN NIGERIA, 4d **.12**
TURKS ISLANDS, 2sh, .56; 5sh, .84 **1.40**
SIAM, 5b, **2.10**; 10b, **4.20**; 20b, **8.40** **14.70**
SWEDEN, 20 ore Official **.08**
ST. VINCENT, 1l **5.52**
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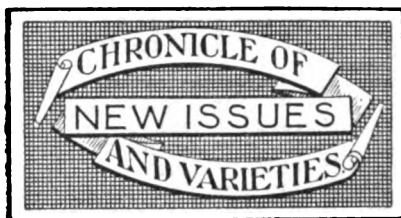
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UNITED STATES.—George H. Beans shows us the new 25c books of 1c and 2c United States stamps. The covers have a new design on the face the 1c showing the Post Office Building at Washington, and the 2c book the familiar horseman carrier both in a circular tablet reading "Post Office Department, U. S. A." The 1c covers are printed in green on green and the 2c in red on yellow. The legend reads, "This Book Contains—Twenty-four—One Cent Stamps—Price, Twenty-five Cents," inclosed upon a large outline "25c".

BRITISH GUIANA.—The *British Guiana Philatelic Journal* says the 2c, 4c, 6c, 12c, 24c and 48c values of the new set have been received in the Colony and will be issued when the old stock is exhausted.

CYPRUS.—Another value in the King George set has been issued, and has been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. Adhesive.
 2pi blue and violet.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Ewen's Weekly* says that the new stamps noted last week up to the 1sh have the Cypher repeated watermark and the 10sh and 1l have the large single Cypher watermark.

The receipt of a new post card in court size is reported by Mr. Schachne.
 Post Card.

½ penny green on white.

HUNGARY.—Mr. Schachne has received the Postal Union card of the new series.
 Post Card.

10f red on light green.

INDIA.—*Cochin*.—We hear from Mr. Morse that this Indian state is pushing up with the times by issuing a pair of new cards to replace the former design of the fishtail appearance which we have known for the past fifteen years in two different colors and in two different colored papers. These new cards have the same arrangement of headlines and stamp as formerly even to the large "2" in the center. The fine appearance seems to indicate London manufacture.

The design containing the principal headlines is generally rectangular (89x20) and the rectangular stamp (22x25) has the Rajah's portrait in a circle with "Cochin" above, the value in letters below and in numerals at each side, and a native inscription on a straight panel at bottom. The double is precisely the same except that one card has "Reply" and its equivalent in native characters under the ends of the line "The address only, etc."

Post Cards.

2p bright carmine on white.
 2x2p bright carmine on white; T. 4.

Gwalior.—The *Stamp Lover* reports another value of the King George stamps of India, overprinted with English and native characters for use in this state. The 5 rupees is the value mentioned.

Kishengarh.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the two provisionals chronicled on the authority of our foreign contemporaries some time since. We find the ½a is in blue and not in ultramarine. Messrs. King say:

The Kishengarh stamps are in sheets of 20 made up of 5 rows of 4. There are several varieties on the sheet: in the third row the letters "RTER" are of a much smaller type than the remaining letters; in the 16th stamp on the sheet we find an "O" instead of "Q" in quarter. There are also various varieties in the native type at the base of the stamp. The stamps appear to us to be printed from a half tone block on fine art paper and are really a good production for a Native Indian State. On the sheet of 2 annas there is a variety in the native inscription at the base of the stamp, the two small lines on the left which represent "TWO" is inverted, so that the longest line is at the top and the shorter one at the bottom. There are also various varieties of broken type as in the ¼ anna.

Native States.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* gives a list of King George Indian stamps surcharged for the States as follows:—

The following are the totals of the first overprint on King George's stamps for the use of four Convention States. These figures represent the totals of their first requisitions.

CHAMBA.—¼a grey, 26,880; ½a green, 26,880; 1a carmine, 14,080; 2a purple, 2,560; 3a brown, 2,560; 4a olive, 2,304; 6a bistre, 1,792; 8a magenta, 1,792; 12a red on brown, 1,792. **Service Stamps**, ¼a grey, 14,080; ½a green, 14,080; 1a carmine, 7,680; 2a magenta, 1,792.

GWALIOR.—¼a grey, 26,880; ½a green, 26,880; 1a carmine, 26,880; 2a purple, 26,880; 3a brown, 26,880.

JHIND.—¼a grey, 129,280; ½a green, 52,480; 1a carmine, 52,480; 2a purple, 14,080; 3a brown, 6,400; 6a bistre, 3,840.

PATIALA.—¼a grey, 257,280; ½a green, 52,480; 1a carmine, 78,080; 2a purple, 14,080; 3a brown, 3,840; 6a bistre, 2,560.

Nicaragua.—Hermann Focke writes thus regarding the status of the 6c Locomotive stamp of Nicaragua, intended for use in Bluefields and other offices on the Atlantic Coast:

"At last I have received reliable information from Nicaragua regarding the 6 centavos chocolate-brown, Locomotive stamp, without surcharge, about which there has been some doubt as to its standing in philately. My informant, a collector and connoisseur of stamps at Bluefields, who had been unable to obtain a single copy because it had never been for sale at any of the offices at the Atlantic Coast, i. e.: Bluefields, Monkey Point, Le Bluff, Cape Gracias, San Juan del Norte (alias Greytown), received news from Managua, that the stamp had been prepared but not issued, because there is no use of this specific denomination for postal purposes, but the stock was employed for the provisional issue in the new 'Cordoba' currency, and was surcharged with 'Vale—un cent.—de cordoba—1913' in four lines in black. However, for reasons and by means not explained some European dealer—or dealers—were supplied with a small number of the unsurcharged stamps, copies of which have probably come into the possession of a few collectors in this country. My informant believes that the stamps would eventually be admitted to pay postage at the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua, but its status is spurious for the reasons stated. On my return home next month I shall prepare a list of stamps of the same origin, to which a place has been given in the catalogues, as I think that collectors of Nicaragua stamps should know what they are getting for their good money."

SARAWAK.—Registration envelopes in two sizes have been issued for this country, the stamp having the portrait of Charles Brooke.

Registration Envelope.
 10c dark blue; two sizes.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—Whitfield King & Co. send us the 1d and 2d values of the King George series.

Adhesives.

1d scarlet.

2d gray.

SURINAM.—*Maury's Collectionneur* notes the issue of the 10c postage due stamp in the old design, but with the figures in the color of the frame.
Postage Due Adhesive.
 10c lilac.

READ AND REFLECT.

A letter from F. F. Hooker of Rutherford, N. J., brings so fine a message that we cannot forbear quoting from the same. Two things are quite prominent viz:—an interest in the WEEKLY that carries with it a four years' renewal of subscription and an interest in one of its

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Trade Column.

This column is for the use of our patrons who desire only a few lines of space. If you want to buy, sell or exchange, it is without doubt the best advertising medium in the world. RATE.—20c per line, cash in advance. No display allowed. Six words to the line, including address. We offer 50 lines for \$7.50, where cash is paid in advance. This space can be used at such times and in such quantities as may be desired.

We shall use every possible endeavor to protect our subscribers, but we cannot undertake to be responsible for unsatisfactory trade relations. Advertisers against whom complaints are proven will be debarred the further use of these columns.

Advertisers sending out approval selections must take precautions to secure satisfactory references. We cannot undertake to settle all the petty disputes arising from the wide-spread scattering of approval selections.

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Do You Use Wolsieffer's Approval Cards? [tf]

Br. Honduras, 2c and 5c, 1909, used set 4c; 5c, 1913. King George, 3c. Lists free. CROWELL STAMP CO., 613 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, O. [tf]

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Jamestown 1907, set of 3 mint, 10c, postage extra. Approvals all grades, many new and late issues on my 1c sheets. Ref. L. J. MOULTON, Boulder, Colo. [33c]

Bosnia 1912, 12, 60, 72, set, 40c; Montenegro 1913, 1 to 25 (7) mint, 25c; Holkar (Service) 1/2, 1 and 2 anna, mint, 12c. Postage, under 50c, extra. FORDHAM EXCH., Fordham, N. Y. [tf]

190 varieties United States Stamps, no envelopes nor telegraphs included and none damaged. One Dollar. P. Post 1 to 25c. Firsts, 18c. [33c] WM. LLOYD, 718 Toulouse St., New Orleans, La.

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Type and cases to exchange for stamps. MACFATRIDGE, Box 222, Muncie, Ind.

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DOINGS IN THE R. P. S.

By FRED J. MELVILLE.

Among recent gifts to the Royal Philatelic Society is the original steel die used for making the plates for the first 2d stamp of South Australia in 1855. This was recently discovered and acquired by Mr. H. J. Duveen, who has presented it to the Royal Society, and forms an interesting addition to the collections of that institution, which contain also the plates of the 1d and 2d "Post Paid" plates of Mauritius stamps, which were given to the society by his Majesty the King. The present Earl of Crawford has also presented a valuable microscope especially adapted for philatelic purposes, in memory of the great interest taken by the late Earl in the work of the society.

The vacancy left by the death of Lord Crawford, as president of the Royal Philatelic Society, has been filled by the election to that office of Mr. M. P. Castle, M. V. O., J. P. The new president has been a member of the society since 1879, and has edited its official journal from the commencement in 1892. His published philatelic studies have been numerous and authoritative, and the collections he has formed have become celebrated for the records they have created in the stamp market. His first great collection of Australian stamps was sold for £10,000 in 1894, then a record price for any stamp collection, general or specialized, but a few years later Mr. Castle had formed a collection of European stamps which realized £27,500 in 1900. This collection

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Samples "Glassine" Paper and "Thin" Hinges for 2c stamp. A. W. DUNNING, Brookline, Mass. [tf]

passed intact to another collector, who sold it in 1906 for £30,000. Another collection of Australian stamps formed by Mr. Castle sold for £5,750, and within the past year or so he has sold a very fine collection of stamps of the British West Indies and other Colonies for a sum which has not been announced.

The new vice-president of the Royal Philatelic Society, in succession to Mr. Castle, is Mr. E. D. Bacon, who arranged the Taping Collection at the British Museum, and was the bibliographer who produced the monumental catalogue of the philatelic library of the late Earl of Crawford, which library is now in the possession of the trustees of the British Museum. Other vacancies on the council have been filled by the election of Baron Percy de Worms, Mr. Wilmot Corfield, and Mr. J. R. Laing.—Clipping.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—H. R. Howard advises us that the 1, 3 and 10c values of the Sonora provisionals have appeared with the green over-print previously chronicled. It is expected that the 2c value will shortly appear in the same type.

—J. E. Handshaw states that L. S. Charlick and Mrs. Charlick have safely arrived at their London home. Mr. Charlick is still in poor health though considerably better. He advises Mr. Handshaw that all business complaints against him have been withdrawn.

—E. S. Jaros writes us that John McNeil, Union City, Pa., has solicited approvals giving two references, the Wells Mfg. Co. and Columbia Savings and Trust Co. both of Pittsburgh, Pa. The letter to the Wells Mfg. Co. was returned "Not in directory" while the other reference knows nothing of the party referred to.

—M. Ohlman, the well-known New York City dealer, is distributing to his patrons who purchase at least five dollars worth from his advertised lists of single stamps, sets, packets, etc., a useful pocket stock book. It has six pages, linen hinged, transparent pockets, and is cloth bound. The retail price of the book is 50c and the offer holds good until the October Exhibition.

—"Am in receipt of an order for stamps from a gentleman who orders 81c worth from my ad and sends a dollar bill with instructions to return him 19c in current unused. It struck me as a good idea for an editorial on helping out the stamp dealer in his troubles. A dollar bill mails easily and the customer is benefited as his current stickums are delivered to his door."—L. L. ALBRIGHT.

—Leon V. Cass has removed from 604 Grace St. to 723 Columbia St., Scranton, Pa. At the new address he is more centrally located and offers a better service than he has been able to give in the past.

—B. L. Voorhees, Blue Island, Ill., would like to hear from anyone who can give him information regarding F. C. Bartlett of Norwich, N. Y. Letters sent to this address are unavailing. Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Geo. W. Schaefer (2), J. Rausch.

—A correspondent advises us that additional values are to be issued in connection with the current set. The list includes 7, 9, 11, 20 and 75c values. These are to be issued it is reported in connection with the parcel post service.

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HINTS TO WOULD-BE DEALERS IN STAMPS.

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on hand. Moreover, if unable to fill an order, return the remittance—don't issue a credit slip! It will have a boomerang effect on you to engage in a credit slip business.

Describe every stamp to the best of your ability; quote catalog price where it is possible; remember that prices and condition are the things collectors watch for and they are more powerful than big headlines; fill all orders promptly and make your patron a satisfied customer.

CHAPTER IX—Classified Advertising. The young dealer with moderate means will study with advantage the so-called "classified" advertising. Of late years it has become a permanent feature in the best of newspapers though carried under differing names. It is known as a "Trade Column" in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY and the name is very suggestive.

The dealer breaking into the ranks of the stamp trade and with small resources at his command will find this department of advertising very attractive. A few lines can be used and, at a nominal price, a large number of collectors can be reached; but, as we have already remarked, it is not to be expected that one, or a few advertisements, will flood the embryo dealer with an overwhelming business.

There is a science even in wording an advertisement of a few lines as we shall try to point out. Quite frequently an advertisement of the following order comes to our desk:—

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The advertisement may read 40 per cent. or 60 per cent. but the effect is the same—nothing doing! Can one wonder when elsewhere in the paper even larger discounts are quoted? It is not so much a matter of discount as it is of "stamps" and "condition" and the great desideratum is to be able to put your stamps out for inspection. If we cannot tell you how to write a paying advertisement we can assert that we would watch the moves of our competitors and profit by them. To get approvals out to the boy trade how would this do:

Austria Jubilee, 1h to 2kr, 15 var., catalog 38c, free with request for 80 per cent. approvals giving satisfactory reference and 2c postage. STAR STAMP CO., Starville, Mass.

The jubilee sets will cost you \$2 per hundred and you can afford to pay five or six cents for a customer. Or you can offer 55 different U. S. or a package of 1,000 peelable hinges or a celluloid perforation gauge. Follow up the advertisements in the *American Boy* and study the methods employed to get customers. Sell a good set of a good stamp at cost price and cultivate an acquaintance.

Possibly the best advice we can offer is:—study your own methods and the methods of other dealers and experiment with your advertising until you have won out. As your stock increases in value you will bid for the trade of the more advanced collector.

(To be continued.)

(Questions invited. They will be answered in the closing chapter.—Ed.)

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 331, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Bremen.

The town of Bremen owes its origin to a bishopric founded in 788 by Charlemagne. Tiring of the episcopal yoke it joined the Hanseatic league in the thirteenth century, this league being a confederation of German towns founded for mutual protection and for the promotion of commercial advantages. Bremen seems to have been a somewhat troublesome member of the league for it was several times expelled and readmitted. By the sixteenth century it was in a highly prosperous condition and despite numerous vicissitudes since it has retained its prosperity. Bremen is situated at the mouth of the Weser and embraces within its boundaries two other towns—Bremerhaven and Vegesack. Its modern commercial prosperity dates from the founding of Bremerhaven in 1830, this port being only second to Hamburg. It is one of the ship-owning ports of Germany and has a mercantile fleet of over 600 vessels (with a tonnage in excess of 700,000) including the fleet of the North German Lloyd, whose headquarters are here. Its most striking edifice is the cathedral, dating from the 11th century, and the town hall is also an imposing structure. It has many important industries and at the present time its population numbers about 170,000.

The town of Bremen is the capital of the free state of that name, a state having an area of 99 square miles and a population of about 230,000. It sends one representative to the Imperial Diet and has one vote in the Imperial Council. The state forms a democratic republic governed by a senate of sixteen elected members (the executive) presided over by two burgomasters elected for four years, and an assembly of 150 citizens (the legislative). In 1810 it was annexed by France, but three years later recovered its independence and joined the Germanic Confederation, subsequently the North German Confederation, and finally was merged in the German Empire.

ITS PHILATELIC HISTORY.

The philatelic history of Bremen is short and uneventful. Its few stamps have, seemingly, never been so extensively written of as, for instance, those of Bergedorf though they are full of interest and much still remains to be discovered regarding the make-up of the sheets, the dates of issue of the many pronounced shades, etc. Though the second in importance of the three Hanseatic towns of Hamburg, Bremen, and Lubeck, Bremen was the first to employ postage stamps. Its first stamp was issued on April 10th, 1855 and was purely for local use. In 1856 a 5gr stamp was issued for use on letters to Hamburg; in 1860 a 7gr stamp appeared this being intended for prepayment of the rate to Lubeck and Mecklenburg-Schwerin; and in the following year a 5sgr value was issued for prepayment of the ship-rate on letters to England. Shortly afterwards a 10gr label made its appearance, this being to prepay the single letter rate to Holland. This value was rouletted and in the following year new supplies of the denominations already referred to were also issued in this condition instead of imperf. as previously. In 1863 a reduction in the local rate made a 2gr stamp necessary and while no new values appeared all were issued in 1867 perforated. On January 1st, 1868, Bremen joined the North German Confederation and its special stamps were retired in favor of the set for general use within the Confederation. It will be noted from foregoing notes that all the stamps of Bremen were issued for local use or for some special purpose. What we

may term outside correspondence was forwarded through post-offices established in the town by Hanover, Prussia, and Thurn and Taxis, the stamps of those offices being used.

The different currencies in use in Germany at that date must have caused considerable confusion, and that of Bremen appears to have been distinct from all the others. Though the reichsthaler, or thaler, was the standard coin over part of Northern Germany, it was split up into 72 grote in Bremen, and into 24 gutegroschen of 12 pfennige each in Brunswick and Hanover. The 2 grote was considered equivalent to 3 silbergroschen of Prussia so that the stamp of lowest denomination, the 2 grote, was worth a little less than 1 silbergroschen. The reichsthaler was worth about 78c at that period so that 1 grote was equivalent to a fraction over 1c.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

The first stamp was issued on April 10th, 1855, its facial value being 3 grote and it was intended for franking letters within the town, including Bremerhaven and Vegesack. The stamps were lithographed in Bremen, the design showing the Arms (a key) on a shield surmounted by a crown, with "STADT POST AMT." (town post administration) above, and "BREMEN" below. On each side of the shield is a large numeral "3", in shaded figures within an oval, richly ornamented with scroll work, and in each of the angles is a small uncolored "3" on a solid colored ground. The key is emblematic of the independence of the once free city for as Mr. Overy Taylor wrote in the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* (vol. IX p. 164): "The Bremen burghers kept the key of their own door, instead of giving it into the custody of some neighbouring potentate, and knew how to maintain their independence long after other equally important towns had succumbed."

The stamps were printed in black on dull greyish-blue paper of moderate thickness, gummed with a white gum thinly applied. The paper is laid and the laid lines may be found running both horizontally or vertically, the latter being a little the rarer unused and much rarer used.



This 3 grote stamp was, as we have already stated, produced by lithography. Three drawings were made of the design each differing in small particulars from the others. These three types appear side by side repeated throughout the sheet, which consisted of twelve horizontal rows of six stamps each as follows:—

1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3

The face value of an entire sheet was, therefore, exactly three reichsthalers. There are a number of small differences distinguishing the three types but the following should suffice to identify them:

Type I.—The central loop of the ornament below "BREMEN" has a single line drawn vertically through it.

Type II.—Two vertical lines are drawn through the loop.

Type III.—Three vertical lines now appear and the loop is open instead of closed as in the other two types.



All three types are found with and without a broken line under the inscription "STADT POST AMT." These stamps, in common with all others issued subsequently in Bremen, were manufactured by the Hunkel Lithographic Company, of Bremen.

Reference List.

1855. Lithographed. Laid paper. Imperf.
1. 3gr black on blue, Scott's No. 1.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

The next stamp to appear was the 5 grote, which was created to prepay the single letter rate to Hamburg. This value was issued on April 4th, 1856, and was also lithographed. The single letter weight at that time was one loth or ounce so that the charge (over 5c) seems high for sending a letter to such a nearby city; and all the more so when it is considered that the Thurn and Taxis office only charged 3 grote for carrying a letter from Bremen to Munich—over six times the distance.



The design shows the Arms on a shield in the centre surmounted by a crown, with "France Marke" (frank stamp) on a scroll above and the value "fünf Grote" on a scroll below. On each side of the shield is a numeral "5" in an oval frame, with scroll ornaments. The whole is on a rectangular ground of zig-zag lines running horizontally, the rectangle having indented angles in which are small ornaments. There were two drawings of the design, differing in small particulars, and the transfers were applied to the lithographic stone in pairs. The size of the sheet is, however, a matter regarding which we can find no information. The two types may be most



readily distinguished by the disposition of the zig-zag lines of the background. In type I the lines immediately to the left of the word "fünf" are V shaped, and there are eleven zig-zags at the bottom of the design with about half of another at each end. In type II the lines to the left of "fünf" slope downwards and there are exactly 11½ zig-zags at the foot of the design. There are thin vertical and horizontal dividing lines between all the stamps on a sheet and in each corner, outside the design, in a line with the middle of the three projections, is a small dot.

Both types exist with the second word of the upper inscription reading "Marken" but these varieties, prepared in error, were never issued. They are quite common for a large quantity was included with the remainders sold in 1868.

Reference List.

1856. Lithographed. Imperf.
2. 5gr black on rose, Scott's No. 2.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

It was not until July 10th, 1860, that another value was issued. This was the 7 grote issued for defraying the rate of postage to Lubeck and Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Correspondence in this direction could not have been very large for the 7gr used is a very scarce variety. The design is very similar to that of the 5gr with the value at base expressed as "Sieben Grote." There is but one type of this value and, like the 5gr, there are

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2d blue.....		.75	.25
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Canada 1869, 1c, 5c, 10c, set.....		1.28	set .50
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*Labuan '97, 1c to 24c, 9 var.....		.89
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dividing lines between the stamps on the sheet. A small mark, evidently quite accidental in origin though it was at one time dignified by the term "secret-dot," appears on all the genuine stamps. This is a small colored dot which appears just below the center of the upright stroke of the "k" of "Marke."

Reference List.

1860. Lithographed. Imperf.
3. 7gr black on yellow, Scott's No. 3.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

On December 13th, 1861, a stamp of 5sgr was issued to prepay the ship rate to Great Britain. In design, color, and workmanship this is certainly the best of all the Bremen issues. In the center is the usual key (but without the crown)



on an oval of solid color with a richly ornamented border. The rectangular frame, which is also very ornate, contains the name "BREMEN" at the top, and the value "5 Sgr" at the base between small circles containing the Roman numeral "V". There is only one type of this stamp. Why the value was expressed as 5 silbergroschen instead of 11 grote it is difficult to say. The silbergroschen was not a Bremen coin but the term may have been used because this was the Prussian and Hanoverian rate to England. This value is found in several distinct shades of green and, unused, is commonest on thick paper.

Reference List.

1861. Lithographed. Imperf.
4. 5sgr green, Scott's Nos. 4 or 5.
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DEATH OF ALEXANDER WALKER HERRICK.

Alexander Walker Herrick, member of the American Philatelic Society No. 3805 and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Herrick, 3816 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, was accidentally drowned at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin on July 13th, 1913. Mr. Herrick who was a young man of studious cast of character and a discriminating collector was born in 1896, at Rockford, Illinois; and he leaves many sorrowing friends. The father of the decedent began the collection that was continued by the son and now the father will resume collecting in tender memory of his only son.

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CHAPTER XLVII.

1 Cent, Issue of June 15, 1887.

There had been no change in the design of the one cent stamp used by the United States since 1870, during a period of 17 years. The lines in the old design had been recut but that is as far as the changes got. Early in 1887 plans were made for a change. New designs were prepared and one was adopted. This made its appearance on June 15, 1887. The new stamp did not look unlike the old one in general appearance; the ornamentation in the upper corners was removed, the portrait was slightly remodeled, and the lettering was made dissimilar. The wording "United States" was smaller, and the value was in a straight line, instead of curved.

No reason for the change was given by the postal department. The stamps were printed on soft, porous wove paper, of various textures.

Mr. Luff gives the shades as being dull ultramarine, ultramarine, bright ultramarine.

Only one noticeable variety is chronicled—imperfectorate all around.

The stamps were printed on machines, a series of five plates being prepared. The plate numbers are as follows: R. 573 to 577; S. 578 to 582; T. 583 to 587; F. F. 644 to 648; G. G. 649 to 653; J. J. 664 to 668; P. P. 694 to 698; U. U. 719 to 723.

Issue of 1887-88.

A new issue was created in the latter part of the years 1887-88 by changing the colors but using old plates. No changes were made in the designs.

On Sept. 12, 1887, the 2 cent stamps appeared in shades of green instead of metallic red, as formerly. The shades

are pale bright green, bright green, deep green, yellow green.

The variety is imperfectorate all around. These were all printed from machines, there being 130 plates prepared and used.

Sept. 17, 1887, the 3 cent stamps were changed in color from green to vermilion, the official shades, as designated by Mr. Luff, being pale red, scarlet, (why not vermilion?). No variety noted.

In December, 1888, the 4 cent stamp was changed from green to carmine. Shades, rose carmine, carmine. Plates, L. 542 to 546.

Early in March, 1888, the 5 cent Garfield was printed in dark blue, being changed from the shades of brown. This was printed from the same plates as its predecessor. The only variety noted is on pale pink paper, a very scarce stamp.

In February, 1888, the 30 cent stamp also was changed from its sombre black to what used to be termed "puce" brown. Mr. Luff gives the shades as brown orange, orange brown, deep orange brown. It was printed from plate 405. Variety—imperfectorate all around.

In March, 1888, the 90 cent stamp also broke into the new issue class with a change in color. Instead of carmine it now became a beautiful shade of purple, shaded by Mr. Luff as purple and bright purple.

An unchronicled variety, which must also exist in the stamps printed by the National Bank Note Company, has an extra line at the bottom—probably an engravers' line which had not been removed.

The 90 cent stamp was printed from plate 23, made and used by the National Bank Note Company.

This concludes the stamps issued prior to the smaller sizes, produced in 1890, which contain many interesting features. (To be continued.)

A. N. A. CONVENTION NOTES.

By HERMAN W. BOERS.

The convention of the American Numismatic Association in Detroit was a very successful one, delegates being in attendance from all parts of the United States and Canada at the sessions held in the Detroit Museum of Art.

No collection attracted more attention than that of Howard Newcomb, of Newcomb, Endicott & Co., Detroit, who has spent years in ardent gathering of United States coins of every variety of every regular series. It is conceded to be one of the finest coin collections in the country. Dates range back through all years to 1792, when the United States mint opened. While most collectors are interested in old coins in any condition, Mr. Newcomb's fancy runs to coins in "mint condition"—meaning bright and shiny as when they were issued.

B. Max Mehl, Fort Worth, Texas, displayed a fifty-dollar piece of 1877 of which it is said that only two are known to exist. He also had with him a fine general display.

Ben Green of Chicago showed sixteen cards each displaying eight encased U. S. postage stamps showing singles and triplets in several denominations. It was an exceptionally fine exhibit and attracted a great deal of attention.

Another item of interest was the check drawn for \$40,000,000 in favor of

J. Pierpont Morgan which was issued in May 1904 by the Treasury Department.

Farran Zerbe made a hit with a display of "hairpin" money from the Sudan. It is minted in different kinds of metals the smaller denominations being akin to American hairpins both in metal and shape. Mr. Zerbe showed eight cases of paper money many of them very interesting.

Great crowds visited the exhibition and were highly pleased. The presence of many ladies was noticed and they seemed to be equally interested with the men.

P. M. Wolsieffer of Chicago was an attendant at the convention.

The most valuable collection at the convention is that of Carl Wurtzbach, of Lee, Mass. He is showing some very rare colonial pieces, the most notable of which are coins and medals bearing the head of Washington. Certain of the coins are so rare that they are beyond valuation, the entire collection of Mr. Wurtzbach being appraised into the hundreds of thousands.

A New England "oak-tree shilling" among the Wurtzbach treasures was used in the old Salem witchcraft days to test women who were accused of being witches. If they could bend it with their fingers, they were adjudged innocent. It has saved at least two lives, for it has been bent twice. The date is 1692, and the shilling was issued by the state of Massachusetts.

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Philately's Coming Festival—The International Philatelic Exhibition at the Engineering Societies' Building, Nos. 25 to 33 West Thirty-ninth Street, New York City, is to be held from October 27th to November 1st, 1913. Already the shadow cast before the coming event looms up unmistakably. The exhibition will attract the eyes of the philatelic world and its success will be a source of pride to all philatelists in this country. From the inception of the enterprise the management of the exhibition has employed all proper measures to encourage the belief that the occasion by no means is local in its scope and that the exhibition is to emphasize not the philatelic progress of any one section of the country but that of the whole United States. While New York City and its tributary territory do the work and supply the foundation for the exhibition, it is a national project in its entirety. We have learned that there will be no lack of fitting material for display and that there is every assurance that in both of the important factors of quality and quantity, the exhibition is secure. It is known that the exhibition workers have made the preliminary arrangements and adjustments in a masterly way. So far, very well; but now a consideration of vital moment enters into the calculations. In order that the triumph for philately may be complete, it is necessary that there be a good attendance at the exhibition particularly of non-resident philatelists. The national support of the exhibition should be typified by the visitors to New York City to attend the exhibition.

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All Together—It is a satisfaction to know that the International Philatelic Exhibition will have its international aspect preserved by exhibits from collectors abroad and that philatelists from the old country have promised to attend the exhibition. It becomes all the more obligatory for the sake of America's reputation that there be a represen-

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Stamps on the Side—At the recent convention of the American Philatelic Society, a boy of twelve or fourteen made his way into the hall and asked where he could see the stamps. He had come from a distance to Put-in-Bay purposely to look at "some good stamp collections." The boy was taken in tow and shown enough stamps to make him believe that the convention, after all, was one of stamp collectors. While there is a tacit understanding that the sessions of the convention are not to be disturbed by showing or trading stamps and in consequence, stamps are rather a minus quantity during the deliberations, yet there was a good number of stamps brought for display or sale. It is not advisable or at least not easy for the delegate to take his stamp collection to the convention but a few pet stamps or covers that he may have would certainly be appreciated as nowhere do stamps seem to receive more rapt attention than at a convention. For the trading of duplicates, the "exchange" should be given more prominence at conventions. A step has been taken in this direction and it should lead to a real "bourse," so dear to the thoughts of the isolated collector in particular, as a regular feature of the convention.

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Speaking Socially—The reception given to the members of the American Philatelic Society on Monday evening, August 18th, by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stewart at their summer home on Put-in-Bay was most delightful. The visitors were charmed by the pleasant attentions that they received and also by the beautiful natural surroundings of the cottage, which itself embodied interesting and distinctive features. The spacious grounds down to the water's edge were thoroughly explored by the guests. No happier occasion could be imagined than that of the evening at the summer home of the Stewarts. On Tuesday, an excursion to the caves on the island was made. Wednesday noon, the group picture was taken and in the afternoon, a trip on the "Tourist" revealed the beauties of the islands adjacent to Put-in-Bay. On the same evening, the members met Commodore Worthington on his "Priscilla," where refreshments were served. There were fireworks, aerial flights and flying boat trials as general entertainment. The button distributed by the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club was a neat and tasteful one and the Detroit Philatelic Society contributed unused blocks of four precanceled Detroit, of the one cent Pacific-Panama, in commemoration of the election of General Coolidge to the presidency of the American Philatelic Society.

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Revenue Society Convention—The convention of the United States Revenue Society was held on August 20th at the Hotel Commodore, Put-in-Bay, with about a dozen members present. In the absence of the regular officers Mr. J. C. Hoffstetter of Erie, Pa., was chosen to preside and Wm. C. Stone of Springfield, Mass., was elected secre-

tary. The ticket headed by Wm. G. Saxton, Canton, Ohio, for president had no opposition. The reports of the president and the secretary, respectively, showed that they had closely attended to their duties during the past year. The principal topic for discussion was the advisability of making an alliance with the American Philatelic Society, if possible, whereby the U. S. R. S. would be incorporated into the national society as a section on revenues. After some debate, it was the consensus of opinion that any such action would be precipitate at present but that in the interim between this and the next convention, the members while working for the up-building of the revenue society should carefully consider the proposal. Niagara Falls was chosen for the place of the 1914 convention.

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In Brief—Postmaster-General Burleson proposes to sell precanceled stamps to the public for use on matter other than first-class. He thinks that the loss occasioned by the re-use of the precanceled stamps would be more than offset by the saving to the department in labor and time. The U. S. postal savings bank stamp is coming in a lighter shade of blue with an ultramarine case; the difference is most noticeable in artificial light. The engravers have about finished their work on the new postal card which is to bear a portrait of Thomas Jefferson, instead of McKinley. It is estimated that four billion cards will be printed during the next four years. The contract for printing the cards is now held by the government printing office.

"FESTAS DA CIDADE."

Our chronicle has already referred to this stamp issued by the city of Lisbon in honor of Camoens in connection with a summer festival held from June 8 to 15. Two denominations were issued,



the 1c being required in addition to regular postage on all letters mailed in Lisbon while the 2c value was used to frank telegrams.

The issue of these two stamps was not taken very kindly by certain members of the Chamber of Deputies who asserted that the extra charge for postage represented an unjust tax upon the people.

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The extra pages mentioned above are ruled up and used as follows:—

List of new issues.
List of auction prices received for stamps not catalogued or priced.
List of unused stamps with plate number in my collection.
List of used and unused blocks of four in my collection.
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Check List of U. S. letter sheets.
Check List of U. S. gov't coil pairs.
Check List of U. S. panes of six from booklets.
Check List of U. S. stamp booklet covers.
Check List of U. S. parcel post 1st and 2nd printing.

In checking up my catalogue I use the following symbols:—
* after number—check.
(*) after number—complete and fine.
— under price—check.
— before number or price—poor specimen.
— after price—decrease in price from last cat.
+ after price—increase in price from last cat.
+ before number—have more shades than catalogued.

By using these symbols I can tell at a glance if I have a certain stamp, its condition and whether or not it has increased or decreased in value since the last catalog.

Examples using the symbols:—
+280 (*) 4c rose brown .35+ .01
*a 4c lilac brown .40 .01
*b 4c orange brown .35+ .02

The above shows me that I have the 4c 1898-99 issue, complete and fine, used and unused and some extra shades, it also shows that the 4c rose brown and 4c orange brown advanced in price while the lilac brown remained as it was.

3342 * 4c black, Crook, Oliver & Co.
a Old paper b silk paper
1.00 —.40

The above shows that I have this medicine stamp on both papers but the silk paper stamp is a poor specimen.

I do not claim to have anything new or original and write this letter trusting it will be of use to some collectors, if you Mr. Collector have a better way or can improve on this one let us hear from you, one object of the above is to get this information from you.

IN SHORT.

According to the official register there were sixty-nine members and twenty-nine guests at the convention of the American Philatelic Society; and had Columbus, Pittsburgh and Buffalo, for instance, sent their quota of delegates, the attendance at Put-in-Bay would have been normal.

The fixed summer attractions of Put-in-Bay were augmented this year by those of the Perry celebration which was advertised generally throughout the Great Lakes country. Consequently, the influx of resorters and excursionists was so heavy as to swamp the hotel accommodations; and the philatelic convention was the finishing touch. It was thought that the Hotel Victory, that monster caravansary, would be open this year. Vain hope.

Commodore Worthington was president of the Perry Celebration organization and as an overseer, he divided his time between land and water. His yacht, the Priscilla, indeed is a trim one as we sailors say.

Alvin Good was a circulating medium that was ever busy. He was a repository for the woes of philatelic mankind and a refuge for the comfort of the sick at heart while he shone as a beacon light for the hardy navigators who feared the financial shoals. Mr. Good would have enjoyed himself immensely anywhere else.

W. H. Barnum was the safety valve of the convention. When the voices of the members were raised in tumult, Mr. Barnum's glance of mild reproof quenched the fire of controversy. His quiet dignity and the rare iridescence of his person made him the convention Chesterfield. There was nothing roco-co about this refined and restful figure.

H. C. Crowell proved his versatility and while he followed the business of the convention with a profundity of thought that corrugated his fair brow, yet we happen to know that he enjoyed his lighter minutes. Even the great show that after all, they have their foibles and their follies.

L. A. Hanford was the night guard who was faithful to his trust and no human eye at the convention saw him sleep. He heard the cuckoo clock regularly during the more or less quiet watches of the night. Mr. Hanford had them following him; they liked his conversational sauce and the paprika of his wit.

FROM THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

It will be noticed that the new King George stamps do not include the word "Protectorate." This has more significance than the mere omission would indicate. In fact, we should not be surprised to learn that this country had become a Crown Colony in the near future.

Other important changes are in contemplation in the Southern Pacific. There are still rumours of a change in the administration of the New Hebrides. It is a foregone conclusion that the present state of affairs will not remain for long, but whether it will become British or French is a doubtful point. We are inclined to think that it will eventually become a British possession, perhaps an Australian Federal Department like Papua.

It is also rumoured that the powers of the Western Pacific Commissioner are likely to be increased, and that possibly a Federation of the British South Sea Islands may eventuate. We only give this information because stamps may be materially affected thereby.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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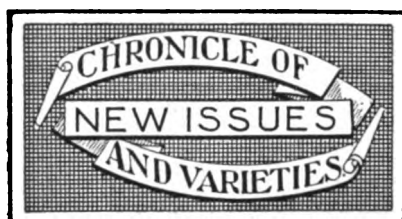
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UNITED STATES.—Frank C. Davis has shown us a letter from Colombia which was received at Buffalo, N. Y., short paid, the tax being paid with four 2c parcel post postage due stamps, pre-cancelled "Buffalo—N. Y." between heavy rules.

BOLIVIA.—Frank C. Davis shows us a curious cover from Bolivia franked with two of the 1c claret stamps of 1901, two 1c stamps of the same design but new color, four of the 2c fiscal stamps surcharged "Correos—1912" and a 10c on 1c fiscal stamp of 1912. Evidently it takes a lot of stamps "to get anywhere" down in Bolivia.

BRAZIL.—Frank C. Davis has shown us a cover from Rio Janeiro, franked with a 20r match stamp, and which came through, without any additional tax.

CANADA.—The following from *Ewen's Weekly* explains something that has been several times mentioned in this column:

In our No. 714 we announced the 2c as appearing with fine horizontal red hair lines both across the design and margins. We were quite unable to account for these lines and wrote to the Postmaster at Ottawa to ask him if he could help us. He very kindly tendered the following reply, which solves the problem:—

"Ottawa, 25th July, 1913.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 11th inst., with reference to certain faint horizontal lines appearing on a few of the Canadian 2c postage stamps, two samples of which you enclose, and which are returned herewith. I beg to say that I took this matter up immediately with the manufacturers, and I am this morning in receipt of a letter from which I would quote the following:—

"These are freak impressions, and the appearance of the lines in question is due to a slight defect in the surface of the steel plate from which the stamps

were printed. Cases of this kind arise very infrequently and to the best of our recollection the last time it occurred was four or five years ago, when a small block of King Edward VII 2c stamps turned up with the same characteristic."

ECUADOR.—Frank C. Davis has shown us the 2c of 1911, Scott's No. 195, cut diagonally and one-half used for 1c.

JAPAN.—Prizes amounting to 500 yen have just been awarded for the best designs for a new series of postage stamps soon to be issued.

NICARAGUA.—We have been shown a lot of covers from Nicaragua, with the new "Cordoba" surcharges, though all have been previously mentioned. We find that there are two types of surcharges, the stamps with "un cent" in surcharge having the overprint in four lines, while the other values have the value in two lines, there being five lines in all in the overprint.

PERU.—Under the heading of "Some Mysterious Peruvian Stamps" the following interesting article appears in *The Bazaar* (30.7.13):

In 1907 a pictorial issue of eight Peruvian stamps, of 1 centavo to 1 sol, made its appearance, and in 1908 a 2 soles value, with design showing a monument of Columbus, was added to the series. This value, though it is included in the catalogues, is unpriced, and it is said that it was never issued, though specimen copies were sent for distribution to the Postal Union. Various stories have gone the round of the philatelic press as to the history of the 2 soles stamp, some writers saying that only 100 copies were printed, while others give the quantity as 120. We believe that, as matter of fact, the number printed was 2,000, which would, we understand, leave a balance of about 1300 stamps, after the specimen copies are deducted. It has been alleged that a certain quantity was sold by auction in order to enhance the value of the remainder, but we have never seen any proof of this, nor can we credit the report that the 2 soles stamp was utilised for fiscal purposes. Perhaps this report may have arisen from the fact that they were sometimes used for accounting purposes, for we are told that when a fine was inflicted on the sender of some contraband postal matter, postage stamps to the value of the fine were affixed to the legal documents to indicate that the amount had been duly paid.

Another stamp is an Express Letter stamp, which, according to Gibbons' Catalogue (where it is unpriced), was made in 1911, by surcharging the small current 10c blue stamp, with the word "EXPRESO" horizontally in red. We have never seen a specimen, but, according to the information which we re-

ceived, not in 1911 but in 1910, the surcharge was printed diagonally and in violet. It is now stated that, whatever its exact description, this stamp never existed as an authentic issue, and that when the stock of its predecessor (the 10c black, of 1908) was exhausted, the postal officials simply used the current stamp without any surcharge. It seems to us that the "surcharge" in question, when found on the current 10c stamp, is really only a postmark which has been struck, accidentally or otherwise, on the stamp.

SURNAM.—The *London Philatelist* reports the 5c as having appeared without the figure of value on a colorless background.

TRADES WIFE FOR STAMPS.

The name Mirza Hadi is a familiar one to European dealers and collectors. For some years now he has been in Paris doing business as a dealer. Several clippings have reached us indicating that Hadi's married life is not quite as pleasant as it should be but we will allow the clipping to tell its own story. It is as follows:—

"PARIS, Aug. 23.—Mirza Hadi, a Persian and an ardent stamp collector, living in Paris, informed the police the other day that his wife had stolen his collection, which he valued at \$12,000, and had sold it for \$4,000 to a dealer. His wife, he said, had disappeared, and he suspected that she had gone to Germany.

Later, however, Mme. Hadi surrendered to the Paris police. She said she had hidden the stamps in Brussels. She had returned, as she was unable to bear being parted from her two children any longer.

M. Hadi said he married his wife in Persia. They were afterward divorced by Persian procedure. He added that he would much rather have found his stamp collection again than his wife; but since she said she had concealed the stamps, he would give her the children and \$4,000 if she would produce the missing collection.

This arrangement was quickly accepted by Mme. Hadi and duly registered by the magistrate."

A correspondent sending in this clipping suggests that the lady of the house must have known her husband's weakness judging by the promptness with which Hadi came to terms. He adds:—"When it comes to forking over those \$4,000 I can imagine him grumbling to himself as he thinks of the rarities he could have added to his collection with that pile. It is a safe bet that M. Hadi will rent a safe deposit vault in the future."

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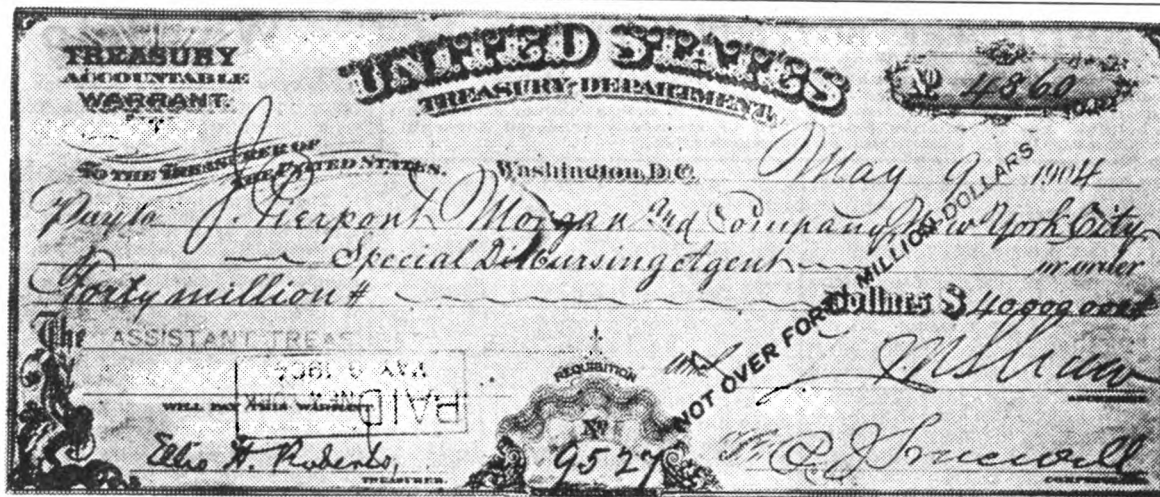
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CLASSIFICATION OF COMMEMORATIVES.

Opinions may differ widely as to whether commemorative issues are a benefit or a disadvantage to philately. They have no doubt in many cases interested wide circles in stamp collecting; on the other hand they have on numerous occasions proved themselves unmitigated nuisances. However, they are here with us and many of us, no doubt, collect them as far as we can get hold of them. It may therefore be of interest to our readers to learn of a classification of these stamps proposed by a reader in the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* who frankly confesses that he has a special album in which he has placed all commemorative stamps with notes on the historical occasion which gave rise to them. He objects to the loose manner in which all these special issues are lumped together by collectors as "jubilee" or "commemorative" stamps and with characteristic German thoroughness he has elaborated the following scheme of classification:

I. *Memorial Stamps.* These have been issued to celebrate some event in the distant past, e. g.: the discovery of America, the South American wars of independence, the birth of St. Anthony of Padua, 100 years ago, etc.

II. *Jubilee Stamps.* These are only issued in honor of some person or persons now living who wish to celebrate the attainment of a certain number of years in some particular condition, for instance: anniversaries of birth, of marriage, of reign, etc., e. g.: Montenegro, wedding anniversary and silver jubilee of reign; Japan, silver wedding; Roumania, Bulgaria, Austria: jubilees of reign; Bavaria: birthday anniversary, etc.

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III. *Commemorative Stamps,* properly speaking. These are issued to commemorate some event of general interest in the present and to transmit it to posterity. To this class belong: Exposition stamps, stamps issued on the occasion of the opening of the Zambesi bridge, Italy; campanile stamps, Turkey: issues for the Sultan's trip, etc.

IV. *Epochal Stamps,* a more serious form of Class III. These are commemorative stamps which fix especially momentous epochal events in the life of nations, historical moments of the present, e. g.: Turkey: Constitution; China: Republic; South Africa; Union; India; coronation of new emperor, etc.

V. *Sensational Stamps.* These are stamps which possess some sensational interest not intended at their issue; stamps which have unintentionally acquired some relation to a sensational event or which themselves form an unintentional philatelic sensation; e. g.: Serbia: issues connected with the murder of King Alexander; Great Britain: King Edward mourning stamp, etc.

VI. *Charity Stamps.* These are stamps which were issued on some special occasion for the benefit of some charitable purpose, which possess postal value and which are sold at an enhanced price above their postal value for the benefit of the intended charitable purpose; e. g.: Roumania; charity issues; Russia; same; Netherlands: Tuberculosis stamps, Australian colonies: Queen Victoria Jubilee charity stamps, etc.

This classification seems to cover the field pretty well; we could hardly suggest any commemorative or special issue which would not come under one or the other of the above heads. The classification appears to be founded on logical principles and while it may not be of particular practical value it nevertheless possesses considerable interest and may in time lead to a more consistent treatment and valuation of the various classes.—P. J. of A.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 331, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Bremen.

THE FIFTH ISSUE.

On the same day that the 5sgr stamp was issued a 10 grote stamp was placed in circulation for prepayment of the single letter rate to the Netherlands. This stamp was lithographed in black on white wove paper, the design showing the "key" on a vertically lined oval within a double framing, the inner one resembling engine turned work, and the outer one, containing the inscriptions, being composed of lines crossing each other



diagonally, the frame making an irregularly shaped oval. The inscriptions consist of "BREMEN" in the upper part and "ZEHN GROTE" in the lower. In each of the four angles are the numerals "10" on small flat ovals of solid color. It is interesting to note that in all genuine specimens there is an error of engraving in the upper left corner, the lines of the ground of the outer frame extending over the exterior white lines of the frame. It is curious that this stamp is not known imperforate, though issued on the same day as the 5sgr, but was rouletted in the style known as *perces en scie*, which made incisions something like the teeth of a saw in shape, gauging 16. There was only one type for this value and the stamps had dividing lines between them on the sheet.

Reference List.

1861. Lithographed. *Perces en scie* 16.
5. 10gr black, Scott's No. 7.

THE SIXTH ISSUE.

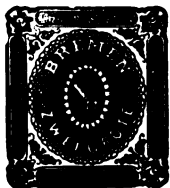
In 1862 the 3gr, 5gr and 5sgr were issued with the *perces en scie* roulettes but the 7gr, for which there was only a small demand, is not known in that condition. The 3gr, like the imperf. variety is found on laid paper while the other two values are on wove paper. The same types of the 3gr and 5gr exist for the original stones were used.

Reference List.

1862. Lithographed. Wove or laid (3gr) paper. *Perces en scie* 16.
6. 3gr black on blue, Scott's No. 9.
7. 5gr black on rose, Scott's No. 6.
8. 5sgr green, Scott's No. 8 or No. 8a.

THE SEVENTH ISSUE.

On April 29th, 1863, a new value, 2 grote, was issued this being for the single letter rate between Bremen and Vegesack. The design shows the



usual "key" in the centre within a pearled oval which in turn is surrounded by a broad engine-turned oval band. This band is inscribed "BREMEN" at top and "ZWEI GROTE" at foot. The large oval is enclosed by a rectangular frame inscribed "STADT" at left, "POST" at top, and "AMT" at right. In each of the corners the numeral "2" is shown on a small shield and the spandrels are filled with ornamentation. This value was lithographed in orange varying a good deal in shade and, like the 10

grote, was never issued in imperforate condition.

Reference List.

1863. Lithographed. Wove paper. *Perces en scie* 16.
9. 2gr orange, Scott's No. 5 or No. 5a.

THE EIGHTH ISSUE.

The two grote was the last stamp to be issued and no further changes were made until 1867 when all six values were placed in circulation perforated 13, the perforation evidently being the work of a single lined machine. The 3gr is on laid paper as before, all the others being on wove. The dividing lines were removed from the stone of the 7gr and though the lines remained on the other values they did not always print distinctly. Most of the values of this set are considerably rarer used than unused for not only did they have a very short life, but, as we shall show later, a number of remainders came on the market in 1868.

Reference List.

1867. Lithographed. Wove or laid (3gr) paper. Perf. 13.
10. 2gr orange, Scott's No. 11 or 11a.
11. 3gr black on blue, Scott's No. 10.
12. 5gr black on rose, Scott's No. 12.
13. 7gr black on yellow, Scott's No. 13.
14. 10gr black, Scott's No. 14.
15. 5sgr green, Scott's No. 15 or No. 15a.

At the end of 1867 the post-office of Bremen ceased to exist as a separate administration, and from January 1st 1868 formed part of the North German Confederation. The remaining stamps in stock, comprising a large quantity of the perforated stamps, some of the 5gr and 5sgr imperforate, and a few 10gr rouletted were subsequently sold. The only item I can trace bearing on the disposal of the remainders is a paragraph in the *Monthly Journal* for June, 1903, viz:—

About the same date (December, 1868) Mr. Van Rinsum, of Amsterdam, passing through Bremen, purchased the whole stock of stamps there, for cash down, at the high price of—5 thalers! At least that is what I have been told. We may suppose that this was not such a bad bargain for Mr. Van Rinsum.

Before concluding this short sketch of the postal issues of Bremen mention should be made of two labels which sometimes turn up in old collections and are apt to prove puzzling to the tyro. One of these is a 1 grote stamp bearing a large figure "1" in the middle surrounded by rays and bearing a small circle in its center on which is the usual Bremen "key." Surmounting this is the word "Umsatzsteuer." This is simply a fiscal stamp and, of course, has no place in a collection of postage stamps.

The other variety is circular in shape and has scalloped edges. The design consists of three concentric circles with the Arms in the centre surrounded by the inscription "STADT POST AMT—BREMEN." It is printed in black on blue or pink paper. Though at one time considered an official postage stamp its postal use has never been proved and a writer in the "Stamp Collector's Magazine" (vol. IV, p. 173) stated that "the only official documents I find them on are Bremen 'letter bills,' and even then they are not upon the covers, but upon the 'bills' themselves. What their use is I cannot say."

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By MAITLAND MILLIKEN.

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It grieves me to receive a bulky letter with three of the 2c ordinary issue when the sender could have used as well a block or strip of six 1c Parcel Post, Panama-Pacific or imperforate stamps of other denominations and thus make it worth while in the way of accumulating desirable duplicates or forming a collection of interesting covers. Would it not be an interesting cover if you were the recipient of a registered letter with stamps of 1c denomination of the last ten or twelve United States issues?

Dealers are just as guilty yet they are not to blame because they cannot help but receive the ordinary current stamps as a form of remittance in payment for goods purchased. Philatelists should try and send special stamps like Parcel Post or Panama-Pacific issues. There are some dealers, however, who try to please their patrons by using uncommon stamps.

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1905-1911. Wmk. Multiple Crown and CA. Perf. 14. Postage and Revenue.	
Ordinary Paper.	
1/2d dull purple and deep green,	60,000
1d gray-black and carmine,	120,000
2d dull purple and brown,	6,240
2 1/2d gray-black and ultramarine,	36,600
3d deep green and orange,	6,240
6d gray-black and purple,	6,240
1sh gray-green and orange,	6,240
Chalky Paper.	
2d dull purple and light brown,	8,400
3d green and orange,	6,240
6d gray-black and purple,	6,240
1sh gray-green and orange,	6,240
Ordinary Paper.	
1/2d green,	60,000
1d carmine,	120,000
2 1/2d ultramarine,	60,000

Further supplies of the three values in one color have been ordered, but the other values will give way to stamps which carry out the universal color scheme. The design will in all probability be the same, there being no present intention of replacing it with the effigy of King George.

Practically all of the obsolete values of the several issues have shown handsome increase in value during the past few years, and many are destined to mount considerably higher. It must be remembered that the stamps of Leeward Islands are used concurrently with the stamps of St. Kitts-Nevis. Covers showing the stamps of the two used together are not uncommon, and make interesting additions to any collection.

It might be pointed out in this connection that the collector who refuses to recognize the philatelic value of unused stamps will find it difficult to complete the 20th Century emissions of St. Kitts-Nevis in postally used condition. They command quite a premium in advance of the unused specimens and some varieties are almost impossible to get at any price.

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Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

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A variety of the 10-cent parcel post stamp has been shown us by Frederick J. Rider of Portsmouth, N. H. It consists of a small dash of color under the S. of "U. S." The stamp is located just under the top plate number 6161. Mr. Rider informs us that the local post-office had something like a hundred panes showing this variety.

Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Fred G. Ross, Geo. W. Schaefer, Geo. W. Nutz, H. S. Williams, W. G. Swart, Geo. Clothier Jr.

We have received a clipping from the *Engineering and Mining Journal* by courtesy of W. G. Swart, Denver, Colo. It pictures a 5c Sonora on the original cover.

C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa., has been appointed chairman of the recruiting committee of the American Philatelic Society.

Ira M. Kells, R. 6, New Bethlehem, Pa., wishes to thank No. 4303 and seventy-five other collectors who have generously contributed to his stamp collection. He is very grateful for the courtesies shown him.

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EDITORIAL.

A New Order—Last week we made the announcement briefly that the use of precanceled stamps had been greatly extended by a ruling of the department and as the effect of the order will not be without its influence on philately, we shall review the new enactment. On August 28th, 1913, the postmaster general decreed that beginning September 16th, 1913, precanceled stamps "may be sold to the public and will be valid for postage on second, third and fourth class mail at the office at which they are precanceled, regardless of the number of pieces mailed or whether they are identical." The instructions for placing this order into effect were issued later, as promised, and now we are enabled to give the conditions covering the use of the precanceled stamps as submitted by Third Assistant Postmaster General Dockery, under date of September 2nd:

1. Postmasters obtaining authority therefor from the Third Assistant Postmaster General may sell precanceled postage stamps to the public for use in payment of postage on matter of the second, third and fourth classes, regardless of the number of pieces mailed at one time or whether they are identical. In no case may such stamps be accepted in payment of postage on first class matter.

2. The application for permission to sell precanceled stamps should be made to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Classification, and should show the average number of pieces of second class, third-class or fourth-class matter the person or concern desiring to use such stamps mails daily, weekly, monthly, etc.

3. On receipt of authority to sell precanceled stamps postmasters shall furnish them and accept mailings bearing them under the following conditions:

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(b) Stamps may be precanceled only under the supervision of the postmaster or a sworn employee of the post office.

(c) Precanceled stamps are good for the payment of postage only on transient second-class, third-class or fourth-class matter when presented at the post office where precanceled.

(d) Postmasters should require the mail on which precanceled stamps are used to be presented in such manner as to permit of easy examination. To facilitate the handling of such matter in the mails, it is expected that the mailer will comply with all reasonable requests of the postmaster for the separation thereof into States, counties, cities, etc.

4. Postmasters shall carefully observe the use of precanceled stamps and promptly report to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Classification, any case of the misuse of such stamps coming to their attention, whether occurring at their offices or elsewhere.

5. In so far as Article 34, page 12, July, 1913, Postal Guide, is inconsistent with the foregoing, it is modified accordingly.

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On The Way—Says a reader: "I have become interested in Dr. Carroll Chase's 'Railroad Cancellations on the 1851 issue,' and notice that he disposes of 'Steam' and 'Way' as railroad cancellations. I know nothing about 'Way' but 'Steam' surely is a steamboat cancellation, as I have reason to know." We think that there was no disposition to treat "Steam" as a railroad cancellation, pure and simple, by Dr. Chase; he included "Steam" and "Way" in his third class of cancellations in his article for convenience sake or as a sort of miscellaneous division. For some time we have been interested in "Way" and finding recently "Way 5" in red on an envelope sent from Philadelphia to Baltimore, bearing a little Blood's Despatch, one cent and no other stamp or marking, we have made some investigation as to the postal significance of "Way." While the subject may not be of the greatest importance, it grew upon examination and we shall content ourselves by giving only the post office department's explanations.

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According to Hoyle—Way mail is mail for a way post office; and a way post office on a star route is a post office between the terminals of the route. The term, way, should be used only as referring to post offices on star routes and mail sent to them while "local" is properly descriptive of mail to post offices on railroad and steamboat routes. Star route service is provided for by contracts for carrying the mail, other than by railway or steamboat, "without other reference to the mode of transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty and security thereof." Before the introduction of the railway mail service all mail was sent either direct or to a distributing post office. The difference between "way" and "local" way did not seem to be observed generally by the department as we find that the route agency is described as a steamboat or railroad route on which the way service, or service for the mail supply of post offices thereon, or interchange between them, is performed by an employee of the railway mail service known as a route agent. The route or mail agent certainly stamped the "way" on mail interchanged between the way offices on the route; and the assumption is that at separating post offices some of the letters for way routes were marked in the same manner. All of the definitions given apply to the postal

service of many years ago, it may not be necessary to add.

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So It Seems—The old circular of about 1851 or so offering "Improved Post Office Stamps" engraved on boxwood that we have described fully in this column heretofore has attracted the attention of cancellation specialists; and recently, Dr. Carroll Chase wrote: "It is very interesting. Have you noticed that the postmark and 'Paid' on the front of the circular showing the address were seemingly printed at the same time the red impressions were printed on the other side? It strikes me that this is a very early 'paid permit' or something in that line." We attempted to show that the inscription in question on the address side was a sort of stampless precancellation but perhaps, paid permit, is a more fitting designation.

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A Valuable Report—At the recent convention of the American Philatelic Society at Put-in-Bay, the report of the Philatelic Literature Committee was presented in mimeographed pamphlet form. The chairman of the committee, Mr. W. R. Ricketts, has a remarkable aptitude for the work of philatelic indexing and compilations of this kind; and the report in limited edition was offered to members at twenty-five and fifty cents, according to binding. It is likely that in the confusion some of those at the convention neglected to purchase a copy and they as well as other members should know that the pamphlet may be had from Wm. C. Ault, Jeffersonville, Indiana, secretary of the American Philatelic Society, until the supply is exhausted. The money realized from the sale of the report will be applied to the uses of the library. It was evident that the members appreciated the labors of the committee and a special vote of thanks was given to the chairman, Mr. Ricketts.

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Great Library—We have received Part I of the Priced Catalogue of the Alfred Smith Philatelic Library; and this first section includes separate works from "Abel to Finland." Our curiosity as to the contents of this justly famous library is given a keener edge, if possible, by an examination of the rarity and richness of some of the numbers in the catalogue of this almost incomparable collection. We notice that the United States is fairly and favorably represented and the past is brought back vividly by the names of some of the works that have disappeared from the surface. The "price of honor" is given to F. Booty's Aids to Stamp Collectors, being a list of British and Foreign Postage Stamps in circulation since 1840, half calf, London, 1862. Price ten pounds.

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	4c	.24
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THE STAMPS OF UGANDA.

By ALEXANDER J. SEFL.

The first stamps of Uganda were issued on March 20th, 1895, and were produced by the Rev. E. Millar, C.M.S., on his typewriter. The value was expressed in cowries; these shells were the popular "coinage" of the country, and had a recognised value. The rates of postage varied according to the distance, and ranged from 10 cowries to 60 cowries. At this time 200 cowries were equal to 1 rupee (¼).

The design can hardly be called elaborate, consisting as it did of the letters "UG", Uganda Government, and the value, the whole being surrounded by a frame of dotted lines.

These early typewritten stamps can be divided into various sets, the first in order of issue being what I may describe as the wide "UG" in the wide setting. The stamps of this setting measure some 20 to 26 mm. across. They were printed in sheets of 117, thirteen horizontal rows of nine stamps each. The sheets were made up of various values, as might be wanted. The 117 stamps were as much as could be got on to the paper, which was a white laid foolscap, with the result that, if Mr. Millar started his first row the slightest bit too low on the paper, he would find himself in difficulty when he came to the thirteenth. This he usually overcame by turning the paper round when he had finished the twelfth row, and printing the last one tête-bêche. There was then generally a blank space between these two rows, in which he would type a summary of what the sheet contained.

As the stamps were typed separately by hand a small mistake was occasionally made: one finds letters struck in the wrong place, or a wrong figure with the correct one typed over it. One or two cases are known where there is an error of lettering, such as "UA" for "UG", but these are very rare.

The denominations issued were as follows:—

5 cowries, black	30 cowries, black
10 cowries, black	40 cowries, black
15 cowries, black	50 cowries, black
20 cowries, black	60 cowries, black
25 cowries, black	

The next set of stamps with which we will deal consists of a series of manuscript provisionals, all of which are of great rarity. The surcharge was in black ink, the original value being struck out. A few of the known copies of these stamps bear the initials "G.R.B.", being those of the Rev. G. R. Baskeville, a missionary. The date of issue was early in May, 1895, and subsequent to the "narrow" issue with which I will shortly deal, but I have mentioned the provisionals here as they were on the "wide" stamps of the first issue. The following varieties are known:—

10 on 50 cowries, black	
15 on 10 cowries, black	
15 on 20 cowries, black	
15 on 40 cowries, black	
15 on 50 cowries, black	
25 on 50 cowries, black	
50 on 60 cowries, black	

We will now deal with the "narrow" stamps; these were in sheets of 143, 13 horizontal rows of 11, instead of 13 rows of 9, as was the case in the first issue. The result was that the stamps were very much narrower, being from 16 to 18 mm. wide. This issue was produced in exactly the same manner as the previous one, so that tête-bêche varieties can also be found sometimes with, and sometimes without, the inscription: when "without" the two rows may have a common dividing line, continuous, and not dotted as in other rows. The slight errors, mentioned in connection with the previous stamps, also occur in this issue, but are surprisingly few in number, considering the method of production. This series began to appear sometime in April, 1895, and printings were doubtless made up to May 6th, on which date Mr. Millar sold his typewriter and obtained a new one. This set consisted of the same values as the previous one, that is:—

5 cowries, black	30 cowries, black
10 cowries, black	40 cowries, black
15 cowries, black	50 cowries, black
20 cowries, black	60 cowries, black
25 cowries, black	

As mentioned above, Mr. Millar obtained a new typewriter in May; this machine differed somewhat from the old one in matter of type. The great point of difference was the width of the type, which in the new machine was much narrower. It is, therefore, not difficult to distinguish stamps from the two printings. This latter series we can call the "narrow type, narrow stamp," as against the "broad type, narrow stamp" from the old machine. Here again we find occasional errors, but they are very scarce, and will but rarely come the collector's way. This series contained exactly the same values as the previous one, so it is needless to repeat them.

Towards the end of 1895 we have to note another change, this time of colour and not of type, the whole set appearing in violet. The 60 cowries stamp was dropped out, however, and a 100 cowries value inserted instead. With the exception of this difference, and that of colour, the set is identical with the previous one.

5 cowries, violet	30 cowries, violet.
10 cowries, violet	40 cowries, violet
15 cowries, violet	50 cowries, violet
20 cowries, violet	100 cowries, violet
25 cowries, violet	

Towards the middle of 1896 the Uganda Postal Service was taken over by the British Military Representative, who effected a slight change in the design, making it read "V. 96. R" at the top and "Uganda" at the bottom, the value and the frame remaining the same. There were rather more errors in this than in previous issues, but they are by no means easy to find. The 60c value was brought back again into the set, which consisted of the following:—

5 cowries, violet	30 cowries, violet
10 cowries, violet	40 cowries, violet
15 cowries, violet	50 cowries, violet
20 cowries, violet	60 cowries, violet
25 cowries, violet	100 cowries, violet

This is the end of the typewritten stamps of Uganda, all interesting and all hard to acquire; the next issue, however, though not produced by quite such primitive means, is equally interesting to the philatelist.

This issue was also produced by the efforts of the C. M. S. missionaries. The design was arranged by the Rev. F. Rowling, who was also responsible for the setting up of the type in the missionary press at Lubwa, Usoga.

Owing to a somewhat limited fount of type, the size of the sheets was necessarily small. The "setting" consisted of sixteen stamps, two impressions of this, i.e., thirty-two stamps, forming the complete sheet. These panes were generally printed side by side, but sometimes one above the other, and always tête-bêche to each other. The value is now expressed in annas and rupees, as befitted the more ambitious effort. There were two printings of all values, with the exception of the 5 rupees; there were also two types of "1" on the 1 anna stamp.

The 8a, 1r, and 5r values were on a thinner and more yellowish paper than the rest of the set.

The type was kept standing for all values, the ornaments and the value being alone altered. Examination of a sheet will show that every stamp has well defined characteristics, easily enabling it to be "plated." The most important varieties are the small "o" in "POSTAGE" on No. 7, and the sloping "RATE" in "PROTECTORATE" on No. 12 (the pane is arranged in four rows of four).

A number of all values of this series were overprinted with a large "L" by the Collector at Kampala; these were intended for local use only, but they were subsequently used indiscriminately.

The set was composed as follows:—
1 anna, black (two types)
2 annas, black
3 annas, black
4 annas, black
8 annas, black
1 rupee, black
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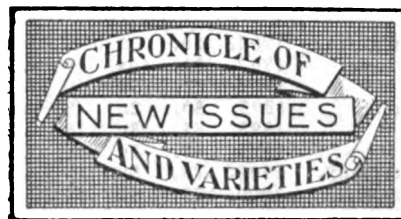
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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldridge lists the following new precancels:

St. Joseph, Mich.—(ST. JOSEPH—MICHIGAN) in two lines, ordinary type capitals, with serifs, letters 2 mm. high, 3c 1910.

St. Louis, Mo.—(1162) R. W. Boisselier sent for my inspection, three blocks with freak precancellations, as follows:—Block 1, St. Louis, Missouri, above then the bar and blank space, another bar, and part of another St. Louis below that. Block 2, Same, but pre-cancel scarcely visible on lower pair, although bars are plain. Block 3, (12 stamps) same, Missouri only showing above and St. Louis, below, part of the block only showing bars, with no city or state. 1c 1912.

Racine, Wis.—(No. 1153) 15c Parcel Post inverted.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—(No. 1162) 1913, 3c Parcel Post.

The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the current 1c envelope, size 13, on white, with the stamp printed in light apple green. We are informed that the envelopes were issued for a definite purpose, and that the color was in no sense a freak.

AUSTRALIA.—A correspondent writes to *Even's Weekly* regarding the Letter Cards issued by the Government:

"The oval views are now all gone; they are now all the new oblong type which have much less variety of colour. I have been through a lot of letter-cards both oblong and oval, and I found a number of interesting varieties due to stops being left out on the address side. Some cards have the stop after 'AUSTRALIA,' also that after 'apply,' both missing, and others lack the former but not the latter, whilst a third variety has only the stop after 'apply' left out."

The same correspondent suggests that there is a possibility that the Labor party may be returned to power at the next general election, which may mean a change of stamps again. The *Melbourne Age* has the following showing the attitude of the Labor leaders towards the Kangaroo stamps:

"Replying to the toast of the Labour movement at the annual demonstration of the Melbourne Bread Carters' Union, held at Ballarat, Senator Barnes said that the people had been told that the Fusion was going to do big things. It had started. One of its first administrative acts was to cancel the postage stamp introduced by the Labour Government. That stamp was typical of the grand ideal of a White Australia, and they would remember that it was only since the Labour party came into the political arena that they heard anything of a White Australia. The Fusion could see nothing in that ideal, and at the back of its mind all the time was the hope that one day it would be able to do what it talked of doing years ago, namely, peopling Australia with cheap coloured labour. Now the White Australia stamp was cancelled, and in the new stamp they found a bob-tailed kangaroo staring in the face of the King."

BRITISH GUIANA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 2c scarlet and the New England Stamp Co. the 12c orange and lilac of the King George series.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The \$1 and \$2 King George values have been shown us by W. H. Peckitt. They were shown us by Mr. Focke some time since.

CHINA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 1c and 30c postage due stamps, with the Waterflow stamps. These were chronicled some time since.

Champion's Bulletin illustrates the first issues of a new series for the Republic. The 1c shows a junk under full sail as a center piece, with inscriptions and value in Chinese at the top, and English at the bottom. Below the central picture appears "Republic—of China—Postage" in three lines, with "1" "ct" in the corners. The \$5 shows a temple with three towers, the inscriptions being similar to those in the 1c value though the ornaments are much more elaborate. This value has "\$" in the lower left and "5" in the lower right and is printed in two colors. *Champion's* says there is also a new set of postage due stamps, though we are not sure as to the design.

Adhesives.

1c yellow.
\$5 red and black.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Oswald Marsh sends us the ½d and 1d values, die 3 on multiple watermarked paper. Mr. Marsh says that "these varieties have hitherto been unknown and will doubtless be scarce, as this paper was discarded some time ago, and presumably it is only a remnant which has been used up."

W. H. Peckitt has shown us the new values noted in No. 1182, up to the 10sh, and the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 10sh and £1 values. All the new values up to 1sh have the figures of value in the upper corners

with the value in words across the bottom of the stamp. There are two designs one for the 6d, 7d and 8d values and another for the 10d and 1sh. The first design has the King's Head in an unframed octagon space, with a Caduceus at each side and a short wreath at the bottom. A large crown appears above the head and the words "Postage" and "Revenue" appear just below the figures of value. On the other design the King's Head is framed in an oval wreath, with "Postage" and "Revenue" at the sides. The 10sh and £1 stamps are in the design of the 2sh 6d and 5sh stamps recently chronicled.

Adhesives.

6d lilac.
7d dark olive gray.
8d black on yellow.
10d pale blue.
1sh olive bistre.
10sh slate blue.
£1 yellow green.

Fred J. Melville has the following to say regarding the Georgian series of stamps, in the *London Daily Telegraph*: "Although the issue is now to all intents and purposes completed, it by no means follows that there will be no further modifications. At the time of the issue of the 3d violet I pointed out the possibility of this colour being confused with that of the 6d purple, although the two stamps are of different design. The 6d stamp, being largely used on documents with a pen cancellation, has to be printed in a highly fugitive ink and on a chalk-coated paper, so that it may not be possible to clean off the pen-marks and use the stamps over again. Thus the ink used for this denomination has been of a purple colour since 1887, this being the most suitable of the doubly-fugitive inks which chemists have been able to produce. My view is therefore that violet was ill-chosen for the 3d stamp, and when the full series is at hand for comparison it may be found that one or two other colours are liable to cause confusion, and so to call for change. The difficulties of the producers of these stamps—the surface-printed series from ½d to 1s—have been considerable, and not the least of those difficulties has been to get thirteen distinct colours to print on white paper, suited to postage stamp printing. That a fourteenth found the authorities at the end of their resources in this direction is seen by the introduction of a lemon-coloured paper for the new 8d value. Hitherto, contrast has been achieved more easily, but at greater cost, by producing some of the stamps in two colours."

GREECE.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us full sets of Greek stamps to the 3d, surcharged "Provisional Government" and "Lemnos."

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SEYCHELLES.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the cent values chronicled some time since.

SURINAM.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the ½c value with white background around the figure of value.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 4d, 6d and 1sh values, previously chronicled.

ZANZIBAR.—As announced in No. 1180, a new set of stamps has been issued for this English Protectorate. As announced the cent values have a new portrait of the Sultan, in an entirely new design showing the Sultan wearing a turban instead of a fez. The rupee values are of larger size, those from 1r to 5r being upright and the higher values oblong rectangles, both showing native boats under full sail. Possibly the higher rupee values are intended for fiscal purposes only, but there is nothing on the stamps to indicate this.

Adhesives.

1c gray.
3c green.
6c carmine.
10c light brown.
12c dark violet.
15c blue.
25c dark brown.
50c green.
75c gray.
1r green.
2r violet.
3r yellow brown.
4r carmine.
5r blue.
10r brown and green.
20r green and black.
30r brown and black.
40r vermilion and black.
50r lilac and black.
100r blue and black.
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In 1817 the first Austrian "letter-collection" was established at Balzen, but the Liechtenstein authorities expressly stipulated that the Prince's sovereign rights were not to be prejudiced thereby, and in 1839, when an Austrian postmaster was appointed at Balzen, these rights were again asserted and were acknowledged by the Austrian administration. In 1905 and later, the local parliament urged on the authorities the desirability of coming to a formal agreement with Austria as regards their postal arrangements, which, for nearly a century, had been from time to time brought into closer connection with the Austrian post-office. It desired that the Prince's rights should be emphasized and that the supreme control of the postal organization should be in his hands. Furthermore, it claimed that the right of the Princely administration to issue its own postage stamps, of the Austrian authorities to supply the stamps, and also the obligatory use of Liechtenstein stamps within the Principality, should all be clearly laid down. These claims were not fully granted, inasmuch as the Austrian post-office not only supplies, but also issues the stamps, while Austrian stamps are still available for concurrent use with those of Liechtenstein.

Although postage stamps have only lately been issued for Liechtenstein it has used fiscal stamps of its own since 1879, in which year some labels of plain design, inscribed "Liechtenstein sche Stempelmarke," appeared; in 1904 these were superseded by a set in "heller" currency, showing the Prince's arms in the centre of the design. It may also be added that, since 1862, there have been Liechtenstein coins, though they have probably not been in general use. It is said that the Liechtensteiners are desirous of seeing a complete pictorial series of postage stamps issued, of corresponding values to the Austrian series, and that a proposal to this effect is likely to be brought before the next local parliament.—*Monthly Circular.*

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Change of Addresses: Allan Forbes to 33 State Street, Boston; Maitland Milliken to 404 Foster Bldg., same city; Frank Prescott to 108 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California. A letter addressed to Otto Noundorf to his address given previously in Charlottenberg, Germany, by the secretary, was returned with the information that he did not live there. Mr. Noundorf or any other person knowing his address, will confer a favor on the secretary by giving him the correct one.

Our sales department is still without a superintendent. If any member feels like taking the office kindly communicate with the secretary.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.
ARGUSVILLE, N. D., Aug. 30th, 1913.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Brunswick.

Brunswick, or Braunschweig to give it its Teutonic name, is a sovereign duchy of the German Empire situated between Hanover, Saxony, and Westphalia. It has an area of 1424 square miles and a population a little in excess of half a million. The duchy has two votes in the Imperial Council and sends three representatives to the Imperial Diet. Originally Brunswick formed a part of the duchy of Saxony, but in 1235 the independent duchy of Brunswick was created. Subsequently, along with Hanover, Lüneburg, Celle and other territories, it was transferred and reconveyed several times as the various Brunswick dynasties were founded and died out. The duchy suffered severely during the Seven Years War. It was occupied by the French in 1806, annexed to the kingdom of Westphalia in the following year, and restored to its duke in 1813. The direct Guelf line became extinct in 1884, on the death of the childless Duke William, and since 1885 the duchy has been governed by a regent.

The town of Brunswick, capital of the duchy, is of ancient origin, its cathedral, for instance, dating from 1172. Here is found the tomb of Henry the Lion, Duke of Saxony, whose descendants created the independent duchy.

The currency was the same as that of Hanover being the reichsthaler, worth about 78c, divided into 24 gütengroschen of 12 pfennige, or the thaler, worth about 72c, divided into 30 silbergroschen of 10 pfennige.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

While its neighbours, Hanover and Prussia, issued stamps in 1850, Brunswick did not follow suit until January 1st, 1852, when a series of three values was issued. All three values are of similar design, the centerpiece showing the horse of Brunswick galloping to the left, with a ducal coronet above, the whole being on a transverse oval with ground of vertical lines. On each side are small upright uncolored ovals containing the numerals of value, and above and below are scrolls the upper one containing the name, "BRAUNSCHWEIG," and the lower one the value, "EIN (ZWEI or DRIE) SILB. GR." The whole is enclosed within a double-lined rectangular frame, one line being thick and the other thin.



The stamps were designed and engraved by Herr K. Petersen, and printed by Herr J. H. Meyer, in Brunswick. That separate dies were engraved for each of the three values is proved by slight differences in the designs, especially noticeable in the number and arrangement of the stones below the horse. They were printed on a fairly thick white wove paper and the gum used was either reddish-brown or white with a brownish tinge similar to that used for the stamps of Hanover. They were issued imperforate. According to Mr. Ehrenbach (London Philatelist vol. III, p. 162) the stamps were printed in sheets of 120 arranged in twelve horizontal rows of ten each, the stamps being about 2 mm. apart. Mr. Westoby states that the plates were composed of type-metal casts, which may account for the existence of the three "types" of the 1sgr differentiated by Mr. Ehrenbach as follows:—

Type I.—With no dots on the figures of value.

Type II.—With a dot on the figure at right.

Type III.—With a dot on the figure at left.

Mr. Ehrenbach further states that there is an error of lettering in type I with the word "SILBG" reading "SIL. 3." The stamps were only in use about fourteen months and unused specimens, with original gum, are among the rarest of German stamps. Indeed, many authorities consider the 1sgr unused as the rarest European stamp.

When the stamps were first placed on sale considerable interest was evinced in their issue by the public. It is said that a huge crowd awaited the opening of the chief post-office in the town of Brunswick. At first only strips of ten stamps were sold to purchasers but this order was rescinded in 1853. Unfortunately no official documents are known to exist having any bearing on the history of these stamps as one of the Postmasters-General, who had a terrible aversion to the accumulation of papers and records, had ordered everything to be burned.

Reference List.

1852. Typographed. Imperf.

1. 1sgr rose, Scott's No. 1.
2. 2sgr blue, Scott's No. 2.
3. 3sgr vermilion, Scott's No. 3.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

On March 1st, 1853, the stamps appeared printed in black on colored paper, the 1sgr being on yellow, the 2sgr on blue, and the 3sgr on rose. The stamps of the first issue were not called in or demonetised and this fact probably accounts for the scarcity of unused specimens. The paper employed for the second issue was hand-made, of coarse texture, and was watermarked. The watermark consisted of a posthorn, turned to the left, within a rectangular



frame though occasionally, owing to the paper being inserted wrong way into the printing press, the device may be found turned to the right. Every posthorn of the 120 contained in a sheet differs in size and shape from the others the "bits" for the dandy-roll having been made by hand. Mr. Meyer was again entrusted with the printing of the stamps, under the control of the administration, and Mr. Westoby tells us he used an ordinary printing press for the purpose. The paper varies in shade as there were several printings during the period the stamps were current.

Reference List.

1853. Typographed. Wmk. Posthorn. Imperf.

4. 1sgr black on orange, Scott's Nos. 4 or 5.
5. 2sgr black on blue, Scott's No. 6.
6. 3sgr black on rose, Scott's No. 7.

(To be continued.)

OUR REVIEW.

We have received the Catalogue of Postal Cards, Letter Cards, Envelopes, Bands, etc., of France and colonies by Maurice Picard and Robert LeRoy, with the collaboration of A. Schoeller and A. Grosclaude, under the auspices of the Société Française de Timbrologie, Paris, France. From Alexandria to Zanzibar all the emissions of France proper and colonies in the form of postal stationery or "entires" are carefully listed, making

first of all, a reference work of great value. Under France, for instance, all manner of entires are described; and a chronicle of issues, beginning with the Balloon Post stationery and running down to the last pneumatic envelopes specifies one hundred and twenty-five diversified and collectible varieties. This is exclusive of the essays of France. The catalogue of 115 pages, with paper cover, is indispensable as a record of the activity of France and colonies in the production of entires and it will be welcomed warmly by those who have no disposition to neglect the semi-specialistic field of entires; and as it is a priced catalogue, it must become the standard in its division even as the French Official Catalogue is accepted for adhesives. In fact, as a complementary work to that great compilation, it is warmly approved, even though this catalogue of entires of France and colonies is of the highest merit as an independent work. The publishers are Yvert and Tellier, Amiens, France. The book may be obtained from Robert LeRoy, 2, Villa Blanche, 30 Rue d'Armenonville, Neuilly-s/-Seine, France, for one franc and 35 centimes.

Part I of the Priced Catalogue of the Alfred Smith Philatelic Library, Section I—Separate Works (Abel-Finland), has made its appearance and for the benefit of those who may be interested in its subject, we add here the information (the work being noticed elsewhere) that Part I may be obtained from Alfred Smith & Son, 4, Southampton Row, London, W. C., England, for one shilling or twenty-five cents.

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THE SEASON'S PROSPECTS.

By THE MANAGING EDITOR.

We will let the dealers tell the story in their own words for were we to tell it it would be but a repetition of the optimistic utterances that the past five weeks have found appearing in the WEEKLY. We simply cannot get away from the idea that the winter of 1913-14 will mean much for philately in the way of deepening the interest in stamp collecting. There are many reasons for this belief and they are voiced in the following interviews with men who are in constant touch with the philatelic pulse:—

J. W. SCOTT, New York City.

Our new catalogue shows an average of twenty-five per cent advance in U. S. stamps during the past two years but we doubt if anyone believes they are anywhere near top prices, certainly we do not, for the principal difficulty in the business is getting enough to sell.

British Colonials also show a general advance and some which could be bought at a small advance over face a few years ago are now classed amongst the unobtainables. It did not require special judgment or foresight to secure these, they fell to the lot of the sensible collector who keeps on the job, and buys everything he can afford as soon as it comes out. It doesn't do to play favorites, pick your group of countries and stick.

Now for a forecast of the new year. The Exhibition will be here next month, it has attracted world wide attention, a great many people will visit New York especially to see the great aggregation of rarities. Every collector within fifty miles of the city will be on hand and many will cross the continent for the express purpose of seeing the stamps and meeting the leaders of the cult, but this is the smaller part of the scheme. We expect every person of wealth in the great city to attend. The result will be thousands of new collections, a very great boom in the number of amateurs and a notable increase in the value of every man's collection.

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Trade during the summer has been ahead of last year in spite of the dullness in general outside business. The number of new names being added to our lists every day is keeping up well for the summer months.

The new Standard Catalogue for 1914 is nearly printed and will be in the hands of collectors by October 15th at the latest. Many dealers are already familiar with the prices from the advance sheets, and I note that most of the criticisms offered so far have been that prices in some instances are too low. I think this complaint may be warranted by the time the busy season is well under way, but so far as it applies to the U. S. issues at the present time, we have been able to say in response to criticisms of prices in the great majority of instances that we can supply the stamps at the figures quoted. I do feel that we shall have to raise quotations in our Monthly Circular during the winter.

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It will be a surprise to the philatelic public to know that we have in preparation an entirely new album intended for the beginner, and less advanced collector. For several years we have been trying to meet the problem of the beginner whose general collection was lost in the 1200 pages of our combined 19th century and 20th century albums. This same beginner wanted, however, an album with separately described spaces for each stamp.

To meet this need we finally have taken the bull by the horns, and planned a new album different from anything ever published. It will contain spaces for some 15,000 separately described stamps. The rare varieties, high values, etc., which are practically never seen in ordinary collections are being left out entirely. The album was planned after inspection and analysis of a large number of general collections so that collectors with as high as 10,000 varieties will find spaces in the book for practically everything they have, together with numerous blank squares for such rare varieties as may not be specifically described. This new album will be known as "The International Junior," and we expect to have it on the market November first.

One feature this year has struck me very forcibly. In making up orders this summer for the replenishment of our stock, I notice how many of the older issues of medium priced stamps have disappeared from the wholesale lists and job quotations. Varieties which could be purchased by the hundred until very recently are now being offered by the ten, and many others are not now quoted at wholesale at all. This applies to a great many countries, and indicates that there has been in the last few years a much greater growth in stamp collecting all over the world than has been generally realized.

J. M. BARTELS, New York City.

We are facing a better season than philately has seen for fifteen years if not ever before. The great International Exhibition is attracting immense attention and will win new recruits to the cause. Thousands of people who have never known the many sided and diversified charms of stamp collecting will now be brought face to face with its most attractive features and this must produce results.

Good material is getting scarcer all the time and this means a relative increase in values. Old collectors who were formerly content to fill the album space with a single copy are now collecting on broader lines. U. S. stamps are extremely popular. The collecting of shades has grown to a large extent. Blocks of four or more are in very strong demand and there are ten times as many who take blocks now as there were ten years ago. The supply is naturally very short and prices are climbing. The day is past when a block of four of any regular U. S. issue over five years old can be had at the price of four single copies.

Used stamps are also growing in favor. The study of cancellations on U. S. stamps has absorbed much fine material during the past few years. Specializing in all directions is growing. Stamps with plate numbers or imprints attached are increasing in demand. A set of parcel post plate numbers will be very hard to get and must attract attention wherever shown.

Envelope collecting, both cut square and entire, is steadily though perhaps not especially rapidly increasing. The growth is solid and healthy. The somewhat numerous dies in the present series have proven attractive to collectors of cut squares, and the three watermarks denoting different manufacturers of the paper, have kept collectors of entire quite busy. To further increase interest in cut squares the Scott Co. should lose no time in rearranging that section of the catalogue. Each die should be dealt with as a unit and the various papers on which it appears should follow each other instead of the present arrangement by papers. The change would be a great help to collectors, especially the large class who are not experts.

Of all foreign stamps used Europeans are in most demand, while the call for the high price unused is weak. For British Colonies the market has not been so strong during the past two years and collectors should not fail to take advantage of the numerous favorable offers. These stamps are good property and are as sure to hold their own with the rest of the world as the English language will continue its rapid progress as the leader of all others among the nations of the globe.

The days of original finds are almost a thing of the past. The larger cities yield very little in this respect now as the old buildings give way to modern structures and old family residences seldom retain their identity for more than a generation except in small communities and country districts. Yet I cannot help feeling that among the old homes in Virginia and other states, which remain in one family often for nearly a century there is many a garret which still contains treasures to the philatelist. The owners may scarcely ever have heard of stamp collectors and no one seems to urge them to make a search among their old family papers which they themselves often do not know have been preserved.

EDW. STERN (Economist Co.), N. Y. City.

We forecast that the coming season will be a banner one. Each previous year has shown an improvement over the one before. This year is likewise and with the International Exhibition in view this will undoubtedly revive the interest of stamp collectors from whom we have not heard of in many years.

It also affords us great pleasure in recalling the fact that we have been a constant user of your publication for the past fifteen years and consider it a great asset.

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Generally about this time of the year, dealers have formed their opinion as to what the prospective season holds out to them and the consensus may be taken as a fairly accurate prognostication.

Last year at this period the indications were that old United States would be the dominating feature in the trade and that new records would be established. How true this proved needs no comment at my hands.

Today, U. S. continue on the top wave of popularity but the greatly advanced prices may bring out large holdings at any moment and then it will be a question whether they can find support at the current level. However, an encouraging feature is found in the increased volume of business in general.

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EDITORIAL.

America's First—We have established the stamp album published by the Appleton firm at New York in 1863, in the position of the first album for stamps, of any pretensions whatever, that bore the imprint of an American publisher. The remarks on the subject of this admirable old album that have appeared in this paper have struck a responsive chord; and the comment that has been evoked by them has been confirmatory of the choice of this Appleton album as the pioneer in this country. However, a side light is reflected in the observations of a historian who thinks that it is possible that a sort of make-shift "album" consisting of unprinted blank leaves, except for the ruled stamp squares, perhaps forty to a page, enclosed in a card-board cover, made its appearance in Philadelphia in the winter of 1862. Our friend is frank enough to say that the album pages may not even have been ruled by the printer but drawn with ink by the owner, after all, although from the strength of the impression made on his boyish mind at the time, he feels that the lines must have been made from printed rules. Our informant submits an early recollection with no guarantee of accuracy but merely in a casual way because of the connection between Philadelphia and A. C. Kline. In 1862, Mr. Kline was America's most enterprising dealer and in that year, philatelic literature, scant as it was, had not been unnoticed by him. Later, the foreign catalogues and other publications could be obtained from him. It is barely possible that Mr. Kline had issued the crude album, if such it could be called, and distributed it as a book for traders to his customers. Justin Lallier's was the first album ever published and both English and French first editions were published in Paris, France, in 1862; and a second edition came in 1863.

The First Catalogue—The Mr. Kline whom we have mentioned enjoys a point of precedence, about which there seems

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no doubt that may not be passed by. He has the distinction of having issued the first philatelic publication in America. In 1862, he published the stamp catalogue styled "The Stamp Collectors' Manual: being a complete guide to the Collectors of Foreign and American Postage and Despatch Stamps." It was claimed that this manual was nothing more than a piracy of the first edition, London, May, 1862, of the estimable Mount Brown's catalogue, which was destined to meet with so wide a popularity. From what we have learned of Mr. Kline, we are sure that he made the *amende honorable* and we should like to believe that through a misunderstanding of some sort that the brain-child of Mr. Brown was kidnapped. It is interesting to find in Dr. Gray's catalogue, fourth edition, 1866, the following graceful acknowledgment: "I have now only to add that my best thanks are due to Mr. A. C. Kline of Philadelphia, for the permission kindly granted by him to make use of the list of American locals contained in his Guide Manual, and which I have transferred with but few additions to the following pages."

An Early Example—We have come into the possession of the "Catalogue of Postage Stamps, American and Foreign, and U. S. Revenue Stamps," published by Sever and Francis, Cambridge, Mass., in 1863. This work, the product of the University Press, is excellent typographically and consists of seventy-eight pages and board covers; and while it is not the first stamp catalogue published in America, it is entitled, its date considered, to premier rank among the American first editions. Sever and Francis were prominent publishers at this time and in a list of their books, we find among others, "The Children's Garland From the Best Poets," selected and arranged by Coventry Patmore. The work is bare of cuts except on the cover and title-page where the 80c, France, empire type; the 3c, 1861, U. S.; and the first one penny of Great Britain are clearly reproduced. The following "Advertisement" appears in the book which was entered at Washington in the year 1863: "The large number of 'Addenda' since the main body of this catalogue was compiled, show that no Catalogue of Stamps can long remain complete. Therefore the publishers respectfully request any information, descriptions of new stamps, or of stamps not found in this catalogue, in order that a second edition, if called for, may be more perfect." The inclusion of the first issue of United States revenue stamps in the catalogue was a departure and we believe that the list is the first that was published for the benefit of philatelists. Certain revenue stamps, the issue of which was debated but never actually made are given as Bill of Sale of Vessel, 25 and 50 cents; Lottery Ticket, 50 cents and Writ, 50 cents.

A Passing Glance—In the Sever and Francis catalogue but six abbreviations are used and for the following terms: Colored, Imprint, Rectangular, Oblong, Octagonal and Black. A feature of the work is the copious notes of explanation given and while some of them have a

quaint sound and are not wholly accurate yet on the whole are of great instructive value. For instance, we do not find "perforated" or "issue;" instead, denoted and edition are used. We quote: "In most offices the die is tried with ink of a different color from that afterwards used in printing the stamps. These impressions are marked 'Proof'—that is, in the catalogue." In the addenda, under United States, appear the following statements: "A new 2c stamp has been prepared for local letters, having the head of Jackson for the design. Stamped envelopes of the same kind are to be furnished. They will be ready early in July. New Internal Revenue Stamps will be issued in place of those now in use. They will have a border around the vignette, on which will be printed, at the top, figures representing three or four years, as '63, '64, '65, and on the sides and bottom, the names of the months and figures for the days, from 1 to 30. The method of cancellation will be to cut out with a knife, before affixing the stamp, the whole border, except the letters and figures representing the date required. This will render the second use of a stamp impossible. Stamps of a similar character have been suggested for postage." To err is human and the good that this catalogue must have done for "the cause" endured long after the inaccuracies were forgotten.

Australia Arises—An Australian correspondent says that relief is felt that at least the one penny and the two pence Kangaroo stamps are to give way to the King George head design. From an Adelaide paper the *Advertiser*, we learn that the design of the half-penny stamp has not yet been chosen. We like the cuts of the two new proposed stamps.

Ready For Business—The Cleveland Board of Vice-Presidents of the American Philatelic Society has been organized with Henry C. Crowell, Chairman, John F. Rust and Alvin Good, Recorder. Through a mistake in one of our A. P. S. convention reports, Mr. W. H. Barnum incorrectly was named as having been elected on the Board of Vice-Presidents instead of Mr. Henry C. Crowell. Here is a happy instance of *quid pro quo*.

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We desire to issue a paper that will fitly represent the Exhibition both as to size and contents, and we consider it of interest to all concerned to keep our advertising rates the same and trust to our patrons to take sufficient extra space to pay the printer's bill. Our confidence in our advertisers was not misplaced. Before we could circularize them orders for space commenced to reach us.

Wendover Neefus of Hudson, N. Y., engaged the outside cover page before we could offer it to anybody, and we already have the following additional reservations of space:—

Andrew Sledd, Jr., Greensboro, Ala., ½ page
Metropolitan Stamp Co., N. Y. City, ½ page
New England Stamp Co., Boston, Mass., ¼ page
Powell Stamp Co., Storm Lake, Iowa, ¼ page
Republic Stamp Co., Louisville, Kentucky, ¼ page
M. Ohlman, N. Y. City, ¼ page
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Fred S. Martin, Greene, N. Y., ¼ page

The English dealers, W. H. Peckitt, W. T. Wilson, Geo. C. Ginn & Co., Bright & Son, etc., are also engaging space. All in all it would seem as though the Exhibition WEEKLY would be a superb winner. Its literary features will prove a treat.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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DISHONEST DISCOUNTS.

The WEEKLY feels in duty bound to take up the cudgel against dishonest discounts. It will no doubt cost us many dollars but the reform is vitally necessary and we are prepared to pay the price in the knowledge that the reform is so much needed.

During past years certain dealers have made it their practise to put prices on their approval sheets and then attach the stamps without regard to standard catalog quotations. Fancy discounts are then allowed and the purchaser runs away with the idea that he is getting a bargain offer. The more serious danger lies in the fact that the collectors to whom these approval sheets are sent sell these stamps to stamp collecting friends and use the commission in stamps.

This practise should cease. While a dealer may have the right to mark his stamps at any price he pleases, we also have a right to decline his advertising and that is just what we propose to do. Moreover, as editor of the stamp department in the *American Boy*, a department that is doing more good in recruiting philately than any agency except the WEEKLY, we have secured the cooperation of this publication and shall also put this matter squarely up to Mr. Redfield of the *Boy's Magazine*.

A word of advice—Get out new "instructions" and where the words are needed insert "30% discount (Scott Catalog)" or indicate Gibbons if you prefer. There must be a definite statement of authority on which discount is based and a strict compliance with the same.

Will our subscribers aid us?
THE MANAGING EDITOR.

NEW ZEALAND STAMP NEWS.

Clipping from H. C. Fox, Jr.

Those concerned in stamp collecting will be interested in the following information contained in the annual report of the Post Office:—"Some 2400 half-penny stamps overprinted 'Victoria Land,' in black type across the upper half of the stamps, were issued to the late Captain R. F. Scott, R. N., leader of the British Antarctic Expedition, as postmaster of Victoria Land.

"Special stamps for the use of the Government Life Insurance Department were reintroduced from January 1, 1913. The denominations are: ½d, 1d, 2d, 3d, and 5d. Designs for the King George postage stamps have been prepared and sent to London for the engraving of dies. The following are the denominations proposed to be issued:—½d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 4½d, 6d, 7½d, 9d and 1s. The design of the penny stamp will not be changed. It is expected that the new issue will be ready for sale towards the end of the year.

"It is provided that all postage, postage due, and duty stamps, and postal stationery, bearing the portrait of Queen Victoria will be demonetised as from December 31, 1913, but may be exchanged at post offices for a year longer. Christchurch Exhibition stamps, and the first issue of postage due stamps, with only the denomination printed in red, will receive similar treatment."

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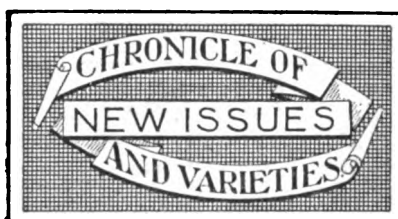
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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BOLIVIA.—L. L. Albright & Co. have shown us a cover franked with four copies of the new 8c in the reprinted 1901 set. These stamps were chronicled some time since.

BULGARIA.—A. W. Dunning has shown us specimens of the pictorial set of 1911, surcharged with Bulgarian characters and "1912-1913" in two lines in different colors.

Provisional Adhesives.

- 1s myrtle green; red surcharge.
- 2s carmine and black; blue surcharge.
- 3s lake and black; blue surcharge.
- 5s green and black; red surcharge.
- 10s deep red and black; black surcharge.
- 15s brown bistre and black; green surcharge.
- 25s ultramarine and black; red surcharge.

CANADA.—Frank B. Eldredge shows another of the curious postmarks from the Dominion. This is the "Broadview—Boys' Fall Fair—Sept. 18-20—Toronto Y. M. C. A."

CHINA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the two new Chinese stamps chronicled last week on the authority of *Champion's Bulletin*. The 1c appears to be more orange than yellow, but otherwise the previous chronicle was correct. They are striking in design, and well printed, probably in the new Government printing office, said to have been established some time since under the direction of American printers.

COLOMBIA.—L. L. Albright & Co. send a cover franked with two copies of the current 2c stamp, and half a third stamp cut diagonally and used as one cent.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a new value in the current set with watermark rings.

Adhesive.

- ½c orange and black.

DUTCH INDIES.—A. W. Dunning has shown us the new 1g stamp for this Colony. The design shows a late portrait of Queen Wilhelmina, facing to the left, in an oval with palm trees on either side, with "Ned. Indie" at the top and "1 gulden 1" at the bottom. The ornamentation is severely plain.

The stamp is printed on white unwatermarked paper, and perforated 11x11½. Adhesive.
1g dark brown.

GUATEMALA.—Dr. Roy F. DeSart reports the 2p stamp surcharged "1913—12½ centavos."

Provisional Adhesive.

- "12½ Centavos" on 2p vermilion and black.

HONDURAS.—Dr. Roy F. DeSart reports the following split provisionals from Honduras: Diagonal half of 10c, No. 135; diagonal half of 20c, No. 136; diagonal half of "2 centavos" on 1c.

PANAMA.—Emil J. Rall sends us the new 2½c stamp issued to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific Ocean by Balboa, which occurred in 1513. The new stamp has been engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co., is an upright rectangle, 20x30 mm. The central oval shows Balboa at the moment when he first discovers the unknown sea. The dates "1513" and "1913" appear in the upper corners with a star between and the figures of value in the lower corners of "Centesimos" between. "Correos de" and "Panama" are placed in vertical tablets at either side, while around the oval is arranged this legend: "Centenario del Descubrimiento del Mar del Sur." The stamp is printed in two colors on white unwatermarked paper, and perforated 12.

Adhesive.

- 2½c green and yellow green.

RHODESIA.—The New England Stamp Co. have shown us an official statement regarding the new set of stamps. They have been engraved by Waterlow & Sons, Ltd. The design shows the head and shoulders of King George in the undress uniform of an admiral. There are to be 18 values, the same as the 1910 set, running from ½d to £1, a majority of them being printed in two colors. The shape is different and the stamps are smaller than the 1910 set.

SURINAME.—A. W. Dunning has shown us the new 1g stamp for this Colony, being exactly the same as that described for Dutch Indies, except the name of the Colony.

Adhesive.

- 1g dark brown.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Geo. H. Scharr, Hugo Kuenstler (8).

—E. W. Bridge sends us two new yearly subscribers, "to help reach the 8000 mark". This is certainly tangible assistance and indicates the esteem in which the WEEKLY is held by its subscribers.

—We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a picture of the convention group of the A. P. S. at Put-In-Bay. It is reduced to the size of a post card but

the picture is a very clear one. We are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stewart for the courtesy.

—The recent election of the Minnesota Philatelic Society resulted as follows: Pres., Burt McCann; Vice P., Geo. M. Brack; Sec'y & Treas., E. R. Aldrich; Trustees, H. M. Norton, Gerald Burgess.

—W. F. Slusser, Key West, Fla., would like information concerning W. M. McCutcheon formerly of Plainfield, N. J., but more recently of Belmar, N. J. Letters mailed to Belmar are returned.

—Andrew Sledd, Jr., Greensboro, Ala., craves the indulgence of correspondents in the matter of attention to some of the details of business that he was forced to neglect during July and August. He will now be able to resume his former activity. Mr. Sledd has engaged a half page in the New York special number.

—Fred J. Melville of London will attend the October meeting of the B. P. S. He will spend several days in Boston.

—Mr. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co. engages a quarter page in our N. Y. special. After his trip to Honolulu, Mr. Batchelder made a journey to London in quest of good U. S. and reports them as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth.

—We are indebted to P. M. for a post card picture of the A. P. S. meet at Cleveland. If you don't know who P. M. is look through our advertising columns.

COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

STORM LAKE, IA., Sept. 10, 1913.

Gentlemen:

Many of your readers are prejudiced against Mission stamps as they have been "taken in" so often by the unscrupulous dealers who have been selling used stamps by weight as such and representing each package to be a gold mine, that they are shy of such advertisements and have a reason to be.

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THE SEASON'S PROSPECTS.

(Continued from page 307.)

particularly of the higher priced stamps and rarities in fine condition.

There does not seem to be any source of supply from which the collectors that demand "fine condition" and have the willingness to pay frequently over catalog can be satisfied. This, no doubt, is one reason for the high prices realized at auction sales during the past season for choice material.

Even "seconds" as to condition and neatly repaired or slightly damaged stamps are bringing good prices as temporary space fillers and we can all remember when not so very long ago, a damaged or mended stamp was considered very amateurish.

In a highly specialized collection I had the pleasure of inspecting not long ago I noted that the condition of a number of them was not A1, but said nothing to the owner. He was looking over some of the lots of my sale and gave me bids on several he was interested in. The bids were most liberal and on two lots I called his attention to the fact that one was described with a defect and the other described as being mended. He said to me, "Well P. M. if you had been looking for that variety on the plate and that shade as long as I have you would take them in most any condition."

This incident is but one of a number indicating that collectors realize the great scarcity of certain stamps and are willing to accept such even if not in the pink of condition or pay a very liberal price if specimens are perfect.

Trade Column.

We want to buy a stamp collection for cash. J. L. Wolf, 717 Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. [tf]

Do You Use Wolsieffer's Approval Cards? [tf]
Br. Honduras, 2c and 5c, 1909, used set 4c; 5c, 1913. King George, 3c. Lists free. CROWELL STAMP CO., 613 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, O. [tf]

25 different British Colonials to applicants for approval selections who send 2c postage. C. E. NICKLES, 122 Florida Ave., Washington, D. C. [tf]

Over 200 diff. U. S., including 50c & \$1.00 issues, for \$1.00. 1 lb. U. S. and For., over 200 var., 50c. Approval Sheets 70% off. Reference please. I. X. L. Stamp Co., Pleasantville, N. J. [tf]

We buy remainders direct from any government, also other large parcels; make offers. HOME STAMP CO., Glenelg, Md. [tf]

Wolsieffer's Large Approval Selections by countries at net prices are sure to suit better grade collectors. Leaflet about them free. P. M. WOLSEFFER, Ft. Dearborn Bldg., Chicago. [tf]

Illustrated album, 100 Vars., 250 hinges, 5c. WRIGHT, 37 Norton St., Dorchester, Mass. [tf]

400 diff. British Col., \$5.25; 500 only \$6.45
500 diff. Portugal Col., 65; 100 only 1.45
JOHN M. LONG, Watertown, N. Y. [tf]

Free! A stamp cataloging 15c free to each applicant for my half-cent or one-cent net approvals. ARTHUR IRWIN SMITH, New Albany, Miss. [tf]

Wanted for Cash. Imperf. U. S. Revs. in pairs, strips, etc. All values, duplicates taken in any quantity, if price is right; send on approval at best net price. A. P. S. No. 1702. F. P. GIBBS, Olean, N. Y. [tf]

Precancell collection wanted at once, also small lots and duplicates. ROBT. WEBER, Galeton, Pa. [tf]

Samples "Glassine" Paper and "Thin" Hinges for 2c stamp. A. W. DUNNING, Brookline, Mass. [tf]

100 British Col. and 1000 Foreign, 20c. D. L. CURRAN, 66 Thorp St., Binghamton, N. Y. [tf]

Collectors duplicates wanted. I have nice lot foreign and U. S. fine lot Match and Medicine. Write for list, tell me what you have in duplicates. L. V. LINDSEY, 81 Mitchell St., Norwich, N. Y. [tf]

1000 Hinges free to applicants for my 60% off Scotts approvals sending good ref. and 2 cents postage. CARL N. SCHMALZ, Huntley, Ill. [tf]

Good approvals for beginners. Reference. C. U. ATKINSON, Upper Montclair, N. J. [tf]

Appr.: 4c, 1c & 2c. Antwerp Exposition 3 var. unused, 10c. Philip K. Parker, E. Lynn, Mass. [tf]

Ex. & sell duplicates thru S.P.A. Depts. Costs little. Blank free. C. Webb, Sec., D. 2, Perry, O. [tf]

Paraguay 1913 mint, 1, 2 and 5c, free for request for 50% approvals. References. SAWYER CO., Onset, Mass. [tf]

Note these Special Bargains
Austria 1908, 2k lake and olive green .10 .04
Bolivia 1899, 100c rose brown .12 .05
Creta 1899, 2 on 20 red .40 .16
Fernando Po 1900, 10c claret .30 .12
Egypt 1892, 10 pia purple .12 .05
Japan in China 1900, 20c red orange .10 .04
Free Stamp Cat. 15c to applicants of our 60% approval sheets. Reference please. ROSE CITY STAMP CO., Portland, Ore. [tf]

Ten thousand foreign stamps cat. from 1c to 10c (maybe some higher) have been mounted in special bargain books. We haven't time to catalogue and price them so as long as they last we are going to sell at one half cent each. You can doubtless find many you need and we will be glad to send you a lot on rect. of reference. REPUBLIC STAMP CO., Box 309, Louisville, Ky. [tf]

Sirmoor (India) 1a blue, Scott's No. 67, Cat. \$2.50, fine mint copies, 50c postpaid. E. P. BIRON, Galveston, Tex. [tf]

Superb Mint Blocks of U. S. Locals.
Hussey's No. 2588, mint block, cat. \$1.00, for 30c.
Hussey's No. 2600, mint block, cat. 20c, for 10c.
Empire City Dispatch No. 2485, mint block, 10c.
Southern Stamp Co., P.O. Box 644, Norfolk, Va. [87]

Ecuador—Postage surcharged on Revenues, 1c and 2c, 15 cents. R. J. WAGNER, Fostoria, O. [tf]

Parcel Post. 1 to 25c selected, .15
Russia Jubilee, 7k used, fine, .03
Salvador 1912, 1, 2, 5, 6c used, .05
W. W. DAYTON, Nashotah, Wis. [tf]

All for 10c. 1 Beaver Wmk. Detector, 10 Diff. Br. Cols., 1 Perf. Gauge and 1 "Novelty Packet" all for 10c if you ask for selection stamps on app at 1c each. Frederick, 9 Belmont Circle, Trenton, N. J. [tf]

Brazil 1906, 1000r, cat. 18c, .07
Dutch Indies 1906, 20c, cat. 10c, .03
Jamaica 1905-9, 3p, No. 43, cat. 20c, .08
Brazil, 6 different, cat. 17c, free to each applicant for 50% approvals. Ref. please. F. Prohaska, 62 Franklin St., Jersey City, N. J. [tf]

Have you any used Hong Kongs to sell? Name price. 50 diff. foreign covers, many registered, Chile, Norway, Peru, China, etc., only 40c. Come early. R. C. MUNROE, Longmeadow, Mass. A. P. S. 1732. [85]

Send for my app. at 50%. Try me once and you will try me again. PAUL MATTHIAS, 328 Ash St., Hammond, Ind. [81]

The Red Line. A new series of Approvals at 50%. Nice Clean stamps. Good value. Reference please. D. A. VAN OORT, Holland, Mich. [tf]

My low priced net app. are guaranteed to please. I pay postage both ways. Ref. required. J. W. DURGIN, St. Johnsbury, Vt. [tf]

Fine line of approvals at 50% and less. We pay postage both ways. GLENN STAMP CO., 1922 Semple Ave., St. Louis, Mo. [94]

Net approvals representing 60 to 80% discount against A1 References. Many real live bargains. E. A. MOSELEY, Bloomfield, Mo. [tf]

Dutch Indies, Nes. 38-43, 6 var., free with request for 60% apps. giving satisfactory reference and 2c postage. H. N. HAAS, Bloomsburg, Pa. [tf]

Free Packet stamps and big Price List Packets for 2c. 1,000 finely mixed 15c. 100 unused 50c. B. P. ALLEN, Little Neck, N. Y. [tf]

\$1 Foreign Exch. to applicants for my 50% app. Ref. req. J. H. PRESTON & CO., So. Hadley, Mass. [tf]

Parcel Post used: 50c used, not initialed or precancelled, 30c. Same initialed 12c. How about a selection of stamps on approval. Any grade of net approvals 1c to \$1.00. Reference please. E. H. GAMMANS, Jr., 207 Market St., Newark, N. J. [86]

Current stamps from Africa, Australia (Kangaroo) C. & S. America, Europe (Russian Portrait) Asia, well mixed 10c per 100, very fine 50c per 100, good approvals 4c and 1c. E. O. ALLEN, 2005 Crocker St., Houston, Tex. [tf]

Send for my half cent, one and two cent approvals. Higher priced ones if requested. BROPHY, Box 402, Kenilworth, Ill. [86]

30 Different British Colonials to applicants for my 50% approval selections. W. E. BUTLER, 1350 Kensington Ave., Youngstown, Ohio. [86]

The Collectors' Monthly and Western Collector combined. On trial 4 months and 1000 foreign stamps, mission mixture, 18c. THE COLLECTORS' MONTHLY, 2724 Chestnut St., Oakland, Calif. [eow2-86]

If you buy 50c worth from my low priced app. approvals, and mention this ad I will give you an unused Mailometer or Schermack pair. D. M. WARD, 222 Taney St., Gary, Ind. [eow2]

Germany 1905, 5 marks, cat. 25c .12
Malta 1903, 2 1/2 pence, cat. 40c .16
Aust. Levant '08, 10, 20, 30pa & 1, 2pia cat. 29c .12
Venezuela Guayana, 8c to 1b, cat. 75c .20
Great Britain 1855, 1 shilling, cat. 1.00 .35
ATLAS STAMP CO., West Somerville, Mass. [tf]

Boys—For really fine packet try my 200 diff. 18c. S. W. FINLAY, S. Manchester, Ct. [tf]

Free P. P. 1 to 25 complete with request for my approvals. Ref. F. LANGE, Sedalia, Mo. [tf]

Unused set P. P. Dues .55. Good, clean app. selections. Ref. J. Harry Raymond, Dover, Del. [tf]

1911 and 1912 Chile, set of 10 varieties, only 25 cents. R. J. WAGNER, Fostoria, O. [tf]

Special U. S. lot: 6 Spanish War Rev., 10 U. S. Envelopes, cat. sq. including War. Dept., 10 Civil War Rev., 6 New York State Rev., all for 10c. CROWELL STAMP CO., Cleveland, O. [tf]

Mr. Collector, have you tried my approvals at net prices 4c, 3c and 1c? I always send a few better ones too. If your collection is less than 4000 it will pay you well. D. M. WARD, 222 Taney St., Gary, Ind. [C1]

Stp. button, 5c. NEEDHAM, 701 Oxford, Dayton, O. [tf]

Free 12 var. Japan to 50% approval applicants. WEED STAMP CO., Centerville, Mich. [tf]

Will give premium of good stamps cat. 50c to introduce fine line of approvals at reasonable prices only. Satisfactory references required. W. BUSSELL, 647 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, Cal. [tf]

On Approval at net cut-rate prices. A series of used and unused postage stamps in fine condition only. Reference required. What do you need?

Price list of Parcel Post dues, in singles, strips and blocks, sent on request. W. F. SLUSSER, (A. P. S. 4058), Key West, Fla. [tf]

Good Match and Medicine on Approval at from 33 1/2 to 50% dis., according to condition. Southern Stamp Co., P. O. Box 644, Norfolk, Va. [87]

Send ref. for bunch booklet panes on approval. H. T. WILLCOX, Jewett City, Conn. [tf]

100 all diff. for 6c, something a little different and better than you have had before. F. P. BUTMAN, Wakeneld, Mass. [tf]

Approvals 50%. Beginners a specialty. Ref. W. W. SCHMUS, 3443 School St., Chicago, Ills. [tf]

Nyassa 1901, 13 var. complete, \$0.22
Hayti 1904, 6 var. mint, .12
Fine low-priced net app. for collectors with 5000 var. or less. W. A. SEAGER, 69 Midland Ave., East Orange, N. J. [tf]

Good U. S. Postage, Depts., Revenues and Match and Medicine on approval, at from 4c to 1/2 catalog. Reference please. SOUTHERN STAMP CO., P. O. Box 644, Norfolk, Va. [tf]

Beginners attention: 4c and 1c approvals, good value. WM. HAY, 424 Elliott Street, Evansville, Ind. [tf]

BURT McCANN, 321 No. Newton, Minneapolis, Minn. [tf]

Let me send you a selection of my 50% approvals. They are fine. Send Reference. HOWARD E. JACKSON, Edgewater, N. J. [tf]

Do you know a good thing when you see it? British Colonials on approval. Nuff said. S. L. SHOLLEY STAMP CO., 3888 Thomas Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn. [tf]

Ask for my new 70% list on So. and Cent. American Stamps. Splendid assortment. M. E. MARCHENA, 369 W. 123rd St., N. Y. City. [tf]

Free! Set Austrian Jubilee stamps, 15 var. cat. 38c, with request for approvals or first order for stamps. Selected stamps, fine trading stock. Listen. Packet cat. \$2 to \$3, 25c; Packet cat. \$5 to \$6, 50c. Finest Colonials! 100 diff. Brit., 35c; 200 diff. \$1; 50 diff. French 40c, 100 diff. So. and Cent. Am. 70c. Many scarce stamps in 1/2, 1, 2c net app. books. Approvals from large collection at 50 to 60%. PAUL W. RIEDEL, Schenectady, N. Y. [tf]

Nyassa 1901, 2 1/2r to 300r unused o. g., catalog \$2.42, price 50c.
D. Indies 4 var., cat. 32, 10c.
Unused stamp free for request for 50% sheets. Ref. req. Harold H. Brown, Newton Ctr., Mass. [tf]

An unused foreign postage stamp catalogued at \$5.00, Salvador 6241, for \$2.00 catalogue value postage or revenue catalogued 10c and higher, or 300 U. S. common above 2 cent, or 250 parcel post any denomination, fine condition.
L. V. LINDSEY, Norwich, N. Y. [tf]

Approvals 50% and net. 3 unused stamps free to each appl. sending 2c return post. Ref. required. C. B. CORSON, 707 24 St., Altoona, Pa. [tf]

Free, Set of Sweden with each order of Parcel Post, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15 and 20 for 18c coin and postage. I. B. ROBINSON, 1306 8th St., N. W., Wash., D. C. [tf]

Fine approval selection at 50 per cent discount from Scott's Cat. Send reference. PURITAN STAMP CO., Newton Centre, Mass. [tf]

80% Discount—Nicaragua No. 514, 50 cent Cabo, catalog \$1.00, only 20 cents. R. J. WAGNER, Fostoria, Ohio. [tf]

Uruguay 1910, 5m to 1p complete, \$1.00
Chile 1911, 1 peso (grm. & blk.) .18. Postage extra.
Approvals at 60% disc. from Scotts. Australian "Kangaroo" stamp free to all applicants enclosing postage and reference. J. E. GUEST, Chattanooga, Tenn. [tf]

Ecuador 5 sucre, No. 46, mint .75
" 1 " No. 53, " .90
" 5 " No. 62, " .75
" 1 " No. 173, used .25
Peru 10 cent, No. 370, mint .10
ARTHUR L. REED, Anoka, Minn. [tf]

Foreign stamps by the pound bought. Make offer. FORDHAM STAMP EXCHANGE, Fordham, N. Y. [tf]

U. S. \$1.00 1902 fine, 23; per 10, \$2.00.
Newfoundland 2c, vermilion, 1898, mint, cat. 8c, any sized blocks at 3 1/2c per stamp, or sheet of 100 stamps for \$3.00.
U. S. 50c 1895 or 1902, each 9c; per 10, 75c.
L. B. CORNWELL, 556 W. 140 St., N. Y. City [tf]

No doubt the approaching New York Exhibition is a factor in maintaining prices and keeping up the interest all summer and I am not enough of a pessimist to suppose the activity will cease with the close of the Exhibition, but to the contrary think it will continue greater than ever.

UNITED STAMP COMPANY, Chicago, Ill.

Never before in the history of the United Stamp Company's twenty-five years of existence, have we had such a demand for stamps, albums and accessories as during the past year.

Notwithstanding the extremely warm weather in all sections of the country, our business this past summer has equalled that of any previous winter month. Our sales of Marquette blank albums during July and August exceed those of any two previous months. This shows a tendency on the part of collectors toward specialization, and that the weather is not always a factor.

With the return of many of our clients from their summer vacations, we anticipate an additional volume of business that will test our facilities for prompt service.

We do not believe that we are, in the midst of a boom in stamps, but rather that stamp collecting in general is finding its place as a scientific hobby.

EDWARD MICHAEL, Chicago, Ill.

The coming season will be the greatest philately has ever known and deal-

ers and collectors alike can look ahead with keen pleasure.

We will begin with the wonderful International Stamp Exhibition which will be opened in that great center of Philately, New York City, October 27th, and which will not only attract collectors and students of philately, but will draw the attention of thousands of people to the fact that philately, as a business and a hobby has kept pace with modern times.

There is no doubt that this exhibition will benefit both dealers and collectors, and through the world wide advertisement obtained, many hidden philatelic treasures in the form of both collections and single specimens will be brought to light; and these will ultimately find their way to the collector's album or the dealer's stock.

The two classes of stamps which seem to be the greatest in demand at present are the early European issues especially the German and Italian states, and the British Colonial stamps issued during King Edward's reign. For any of these stamps in fine condition the present day collector is ready to pay good prices. It has become a known fact that the early issues of any country in fine condition are getting harder to obtain.

The greater number of good philatelic publications that are issued both weekly and monthly, and which in other businesses are known as trade papers, are another sign of the growth and advancement of philately; and the publishers of these papers should be given every encouragement by subscriptions and advertisements from dealers and collectors. The advertisement medium enables the dealer to offer his goods to collectors, that it would be impossible to reach any other way and gives the collector the opportunity to obtain stamps he has been seeking.

It is my intention to be present at the N. Y. Exhibition and I hope to have the pleasure of renewing the acquaintance of many I have met before and of making the acquaintance of a great many others.

FRED MICHAEL, Chicago, Ill.

In touch with your 7,000 subscribers you are better able to prophesy than we dealers and when you state that you are an optimist and that you believe the coming season will be a banner one I know that you are speaking sincerely and, with your broad knowledge of philatelic conditions, your words must have more than ordinary weight.

I, too, am an optimist, but how could I be otherwise when my sales for the month of July were the largest in my history. Sales not made up by selling a large collection or a few rare stamps but a total made from a surprisingly large number and surprisingly scattered transactions.

The field of philately is a very broad one, stamp collecting is not alone for those who dwell in big cities, and throughout this country there is an awakening enthusiasm that will one day place the United States on the same philatelic plane we find in Europe.

W. L. ALDRICH & Co., Boston, Mass.

The stamp business has kept up well all through the summer months. The demand for good stamps is ever on the increase and the newer issues are being sought for constantly.

M. OHLMAN, N. Y. City.

In my opinion the coming season should be the best in recent years, not only in view of the fact that we have had the best summer known to the trade, but because the approaching event in N. Y. in October will prove a great stimulus to awaken and make many new collectors. That there is a big influx of "new blood" is shown by the very large number of packets I have sold during the usually dull season and the hundreds of new names coming in during the off season. Yes, I anticipate a big season for philately in general.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 331, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.
Brunswick.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

Two low values were added to the series on March 1st, 1856, 3 pfennig = $\frac{1}{4}$ gr, and 4 pfennig = $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. The former had "1/4" in the ovals at the sides and "DRIE PFENNIG" in the scroll below; while the latter had "1/2" in the ovals and was inscribed "VIER SILBR. GR." These stamps were also printed on the watermarked paper the $\frac{1}{4}$ gr being on brown, and the $\frac{1}{2}$ gr on white.

Reference List.

1856. Typographed. Wmk. Posthorn. Imperf.
7. $\frac{1}{4}$ gr (3pf) black on brown, Scott's No. 8.
8. $\frac{1}{2}$ gr (4pf) black, Scott's No. 9.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

The $\frac{1}{4}$ gr was only in use for eleven months (the total quantity printed being 271,040) when it was replaced by a new stamp of unusual design. This was a large stamp, 24 mm. square, capable of being divided into four, each of the divisions representing 3 pfennig, and the entire stamp being equivalent to 1 gutegroschen. The central portion of the stamp was divided into four squares each containing a transverse oval inscribed "1/4" surmounted by a crown with "Gutegr." below. Above the upper quarters and below the lower ones is "Postmarke," and at the side of each square is "3 Pfennig" in italic type. The whole is enclosed by a thick single-lined frame. This, it is interesting to note, is the only Brunswick stamp failing to show the galloping horse. The stamps were printed in black on brown watermarked paper but as the paper was intended for stamps of smaller size the posthorns appear very irregularly. The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 in ten rows of ten.

A large quantity of this value was printed in brown on white paper in 1866 but for some reason or other they were never issued. The variety is quite common, however, for the entire lot was sold with the remainders in 1868, when the post-office of Brunswick was absorbed by that of the North German Confederation.



Reference List.

1857. Typographed. Wmk. Posthorn. Imperf.
9. $\frac{1}{4}$ gr black on brown, Scott's No. 10.

THE FIFTH ISSUE.

The 3sgr resumed its original color of rose on white paper in September, 1862, though, as the watermarked paper was used, it cannot be confused with the rare stamp of 1852.

On January 1st, 1863, another value was added to the series by the issue of a stamp of $\frac{1}{2}$ gr, printed in black on green watermarked paper. The design is similar to that of the other values but the value in numerals on the small ovals at the sides is in uncolored figures on a ground of solid color. The value in words on the lower scroll is expressed as "FUNF PFENNIG."

Reference List.

- 1862-63. Typographed. Wmk. Posthorn. Imperf.
10. $\frac{1}{2}$ gr black on green, Scott's No. 11.
11. 3sgr rose, Scott's No. 12.

THE SIXTH ISSUE.

Up to 1864 none of the stamps had been issued other than imperforate; but

in July of that year the 1sgr was changed in color, being printed in yellow on white paper, and the opportunity was taken of experimenting with a roulette. The rouletting was done in line and had a gauge of 12. Whether the cuts were made by a rouletting wheel or on the printing press with ordinary notched rule does not appear to be known. The roulette is always very indistinct owing to the thickness of the paper. It was not particularly satisfactory and in the following month other stamps appeared with the rouletted cuts arranged in a series of short curves giving a scroll effect to the edges of severed stamps. This is the style known as *perces en arc* and it had a gauge of $16\frac{1}{2}$ to $17\frac{1}{2}$. This rouletting, Mr. Westoby tells us, was done by the printer, Meyer, in the press by means of thin brass printer's rule. The $\frac{1}{2}$ gr black on white, $\frac{1}{2}$ gr black on green, 1sgr black on yellow, 1sgr yellow on white, 2sgr black on blue, and 3sgr rose on white were all issued with this roulette, some of them being extremely rare. The $\frac{1}{2}$ gr black on green, 1sgr black on yellow, and 3sgr rose on white are also known rouletted in line but there seems considerable doubt as to whether these varieties were issued officially. The $\frac{1}{2}$ gr is also known perf. 12 but this is known to be an unofficial production. To a note regarding this Mr. Westoby adds "nor is there any doubt that some rouletted specimens have been manufactured by the purveyors of varieties."

In the list below we only include those varieties regarding which there are no doubts as to their official origin.

Reference List.

1864. Wmk. Post horn. Rouletted 12.
12. 1sgr yellow, Scott's No. 10.
Perces en arc $19\frac{1}{2}$ to $17\frac{1}{2}$.
13. $\frac{1}{4}$ gr black, Scott's No. 13.
14. $\frac{1}{2}$ gr black on green, Scott's No. 14.
15. 1sgr black on yellow, Scott's No. 15.
16. 1sgr yellow, Scott's No. 17.
17. 2sgr black on blue, Scott's No. 10.
18. 3sgr rose, Scott's No. 18.

(To be continued.)

DISHONEST DISCOUNTS.

We cannot too emphatically state the attitude of the WEEKLY in connection with dishonest discounts. We are determined so far as this publication is concerned to effect a needed reform in this direction and we also have the promise of co-operation by the publishers of the *American Boy*. Several times last season our attention was called to the fact that dealers were marking approval selections in excess of catalog quotations in order to quote fancy discounts and we believe that the time is ripe to have the practice discontinued.

We append a copy of a letter sent to a stamp firm during the past week based upon a complaint filed by a subscriber to the WEEKLY and we call upon all dealers who are using the columns of the WEEKLY to conform to the new rule now effective. We shall make it a practise during the coming season to secure approval selections for the purpose of ascertaining whether the rule is being lived up to. We urge a careful reading of the following:—
"Mr. Guy West Wilson of New Brunswick, N. J., has submitted for my inspection an approval selection received from you, the character of which is such that I must call your attention to the same.

There are two sheets total value \$1 but I notice that many of the stamps are marked in excess of Scott's catalog quotations and no other catalog is given as the basis for quotations. In other words, fictitious values are being used apparently in order to give a large discount.

I consider this principle wrong and I am compelled to heed the protests

GET NEW CUSTOMERS!

DO you realize that by advertising in the St. Nicholas Stamp Directory you reach a distinct class of people who are not reached by the ordinary publication?

Carefully brought up boys and girls make reliable customers. One dealer in New York says he received a \$42.00 order from one of our readers.

Don't overlook the St. Nicholas girls and boys—a few of the biggest dealers began using St. Nicholas years ago and are still at it. Establish your business in the minds of St. Nicholas young folks and you will be investing in the right way.

ST. NICHOLAS STAMP DIRECTORY
Union Square. NEW YORK CITY

filed with us by subscribers in connection with this matter.

I also note several sets of stamps—one of which consists of four Japan revenues priced at 10c and another of three Egyptian salt revenue stamps priced at 12c. These are the veriest trash and no reputable stamp dealer should handle this stuff. A set of five French stamps is priced at 10c while all the catalog of 1912 allows is 5c. It seems to me that an approval selection of this kind is a discredit to stamp collecting and it must bear a similar reflection upon the business of your firm.

We have decided that dealers using our columns should mark their discount sheets in accordance with Scott's catalog or some other standard catalog to be indicated and the publishers of the *American Boy* will take the same course. I trust that you will indicate your willingness to comply with this rule."

NEW YORKS GALORE.

The catalogue of the auction sale of the Nassau Stamp Company to be held October 2nd, 1913, at New York, is a remarkable monograph on the five-cent black New York, 1845. The collection of Mr. O. S. Hart is offered and it consists of four hundred copies in singles, pairs and blocks. Mr. Hart has made himself famous through his association with the stamp which he knows in all its angles, having plated it after almost an infinitude of pains and study, not to refer to any sordid considerations. The compiler of the catalogue is to be congratulated as he has made it more than a mere compilation; he has invested it with an interest, even a fascination that is felt by the reader. This catalogue is a work on the New York stamp that is full of instructive value; and one may claim a more intimate knowledge of the favorite stamp after scanning the catalogue, which it should be added, bears a fine photograph of Robert H. Morris, the postmaster of New York, who issued the stamp.

NEWARK STAMP CLUB ELECTS.

The Newark Stamp Club, at its last regular meeting on Friday, Sept. 5th, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—President, H. E. Planck; V. Pres. and Librarian, H. A. Henckel; Treasurer, P. C. Davenport; Secretary, E. H. Greening; Sales Supt., L. H. Davenport.

Twenty-seven members attended the season's opening meeting, and all enjoyed the several contests and talks of various members. Refreshments followed. All collectors are welcome to any meetings. Same are held on 1st and 3rd Fridays, at 827 Broad St., Newark.

MONDAY IS TOO LATE.

Advertising copy must be received Saturday. If it does not appear in the issue it was intended for, its because it reached us Monday. This is a plain word and should be understood.

OUR PREMIUM OFFERS

If your name is new to our mailing list or you can get a name new to our mailing list you may have one of the following premiums.

10 weeks 10c and Your Choice
Austria '08 Jub. 1h to 2kr, 15 vars. catalog .38
Leaflet describing and illus. U. S. env. 1863-1910.
Packet of 50 different U. S. Stamps.

6 Mos. 25c and Your Choice

*Seychelles 1892, 3 on 4c. catalog .18
Chile '92, 15c, 25c, 1p. " .23
Guatemala '02, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10c. " .13
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VISITORS TO THE N. Y. EXHIBITION.

We are advised that the New York Exhibition will be favored by the presence of quite a number of well known European philatelists but it seems a bit difficult to secure definite information. We learn that M. P. Castle, President of the Royal Philatelic Society is expected, and it is announced that E. D. Bacon, L. L. R. Hausberg and Fred J. Melville will attend. The WEEKLY has received word from W. H. Peckitt that Mr. Guy Semple who has been associated with him in business for many years will represent him at this great gathering. There is every indication of a thoroughly representative attendance and WEEKLY subscribers should not lose the opportunity of enjoying the great exhibition.

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Watch out on approval requests! P. M. Wolsieffer could not locate reference given at Cleveland, O., and letter to McNeil at Augusta, O., was forwarded to E. Rochester and then returned "unclaimed." Always investigate references and especially when parties refer to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY for we are very chary in the matter of giving references.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Clippings have been received from Herman W. Boers, J. J. Prendergast, Owen Dicks, M. S. Karlitsky, Henry Voltz.

—We are in receipt of a handsome silk handkerchief of a philatelic nature. Upon the border stamps are imprinted in their natural colors. We have previously noted this novelty in our columns and are grateful to W. O. Thiede for his courtesy. Mr. Thiede also sends us some parcel post stamps with a record heavy cancellation supplied by the N. Y. Post Office.

—Another big check is called to mind by our illustration of the Morgan forty million dollar one. J. J. Prendergast sends us a clipping from the Boston *Globe* of several years back showing the \$55,000,000 check drawn by the Chinese Government as a war indemnity for Japan.

—We are indebted to C. B. Megarity for specimens of 1c and 2c ordinary postage due stamps showing a marked difference in the claret shade. The 2c could be described as a bright claret but there is no more distinct difference than can be found in shades of the 2c postage.

—Claims against John A. Muchmore, Hugo, Okla., and J. N. Peterson, Tahlequah, Okla., are returned as being worthless. This information is at hand from the Hussman Stamp Co.

—The New Orleans *Picayune* of Sunday, Sept. 14, contained a most interesting article on "Stamp Collecting in New Orleans" written by Carleton Pool. The WEEKLY would be very glad to publish the article in its entirety had it the space to do so. We are indebted to S. D. Blake for the clipping.

—We have received several clippings from H. S. Dickey, Newton, Kansas, giving the particulars of the S. P. A. convention at Wichita. There is every indication that this convention was well advertised locally and the interest in stamp collecting greatly benefited thereby.

—We are indebted to Henry Voltz for a clipping from an English paper showing large illustrations of the Australian Commonwealth kangaroo stamp and also the designs that have been suggested to take the place of the same. The new 1d and 2d will be placed in circulation as soon as the supply of the kangaroo type is exhausted.

—Melville Stewart with "The Firefly" Company is on a long western trip and any mail addressed to him should be sent to Low's Exchange, 1123 Broadway, N. Y. City.

NOTES ABOUT NEW ISSUES.

Iceland—The current stamps with embossed portraits of Jon Sigurdsson and Frederick VIII. are to be discontinued, and as the stocks are exhausted they will be replaced by stamps of the previous issue with double portraits. The 3 and 5 aur of the embossed series are already obsolete.

Jamaica—We are officially informed that the new 2s King George stamp will probably not be issued for at least six months.

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EDITORIAL.

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A Check—It took no soothsayer to anticipate that the department would not view with encouragement the wave of interest in the parcel post due stamps unused or regard tolerantly the traffic in the stamps. The third assistant postmaster general notifies the service: "It has come to the notice of the Department that parcel post due stamps have been sold at certain post offices to stamp dealers and collectors and their agents. The sale of due stamps by the postal service is prohibited by law (see Sec. 134, Postal Laws and Regulations of 1902), and postmasters and their subordinates will govern themselves accordingly." The offers made more or less openly, we understand, to supply the unused parcel post due stamps at prices ranging from below double face to above it could not fail to attract the notice

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and it follows, the condemnation of the authorities. The sale of unused postage due stamps generally has long been a source of annoyance to the department, even when the postmasters offended innocently. We have been told that the objection made to the disposal of the due stamps other than by rating on short paid mail matter is on the score of accounting. When the stamps are sold to the public, the stamps are not used for the purpose they are issued; and they do not afford, of course, any basis for computation of the volume of mail with deficient postage.

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Minus—Mr. Kenyon Stevenson would like to know where he may obtain a catalogue or a list of all the postal cards that have been issued by the United States. Since the days of Watson, our leading exponent of the postal card, and of Lohmeyer, there have been no special catalogues of U. S. postal cards. Over twenty years ago or so, the Standard Catalogue dismissed postal cards of all countries from its pages. Bartels' Catalogue and Reference List of United States Stamped Envelopes, fourth edition, 1911, lists and prices but does not illustrate the postal cards. The collector who wishes to consult a current list of United States postal cards seems to be dependent on a foreign work, for illustrations. The most recent catalogue of the kind that has appeared is Part II, devoted to "Entires" of Senf's 1914 catalogue; in it, U. S. "postkarten" are illustrated from 1873 to 1912. Bright's "A B C" catalogue is in English and also lists and pictures our postal card issues. One or two of our advertisers carry these works in stock.

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ONE DEALER'S EXPERIENCE.

The managing editor has received the following letter from Wendell W. Phillips of Lewiston, Cal., and we are taking the liberty of publishing it not only because of the information it contains but because of its reference to the problems that confront the young dealer. Mr. Phillips' sample approval sheet was very neatly gotten up and his whole letter breathes the spirit of success in his endeavor to enter the dealing ranks. We have answered the letter and shall be glad to render similar assistance to anyone desiring it:—

"I have read your interesting article in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY of the 16th inst., and wish to ask you a few questions about the stamp business. I am a small dealer, started in June, 1910. Am now 17 years old and have about 100 buying customers. I started in with 44c cash and a few hundred cheap duplicates. Have about \$250 worth of stamps net value in stock now.

I enclose one of my approval sheets for your inspection. I make a specialty of selling stamps to beginners and collectors with less than 5,000 varieties.

I send out 50% sheets like the enclosed and net books. Have made the series of sheets non-duplicating. Have 12 sheets at present, valued 83c to \$2.00 each. What do you think of No. 11? It is a fair sample of my sheets. I enclose stamped envelope for return.

Would like to know how you dealt with approval frauds. Have managed to get in touch with a number who kept sheets and books without a "thank you." Can you give me some pointers on this subject?

Would also be pleased to know the names of Magazines you consider the best to advertise in. I use MEKEEL'S WEEKLY and the Stamp Journal frequently. The Collectors' Monthly of Oakland, Calif., regularly, and the Boys' Magazine once in a while. Can you recommend others where I can get good results? I may add that I have always received the best results from MEKEEL'S.

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Will close thanking you in advance for any information you may be able to give me. Hope I have not taken too much of your time, which I know is valuable."

MR. BATCHELDER RETURNS.

A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co., has just returned from a business trip to England and the Continent. We were unable to interview him in time for the publication of his trade views in last week's Season Opener. We take the liberty of quoting the opinion of this well-known and experienced dealer-philatelist:—

"I have just returned from Europe, I was there in August the quietest month of the year, but I found everywhere, the greatest optimism as regards the coming season.

In London and in Paris I looked everywhere for good used United States stamps but found very little; one day in London, in company with a friend, I visited fully thirty dealers within half a mile or so of the Bank, some of whom I had never heard of before, and doubt if they have any American customers, but found that their books of U. S. were practically cleaned out, what little they had left were in poor condition, and I did not spend \$30.00 with the thirty dealers, it was almost as bad in Paris.

I consider that last season was one of the best I have ever known, in great measure because of the fact that there were more new medium to good buyers than ever before in any one year, and I am confident that the coming season will be quite equal to the last."

COMMEMORATIVE GREECE.

We picture here the two designs of the special set issued by Greece in honor of the success of the allies in the Balkan War.



One design shows the luminous cross which appeared to Constantine the Great in 312, with the Greek translation of the words, "In hoc signo vinces," above the Acropolis. The other design shows an eagle strangling a serpent, with rays of sunshine breaking through the clouds. The inscriptions are the same. The stamps are poorly printed, and have done little to give honor to modern Greek art.

NEW AUST. COMMONWEALTH ISSUE.

Clipping from D. E. LANTZ.

The Postmaster-General, after consultation with the Cabinet, has finally adopted designs for the 1d and 2d stamps. These are to supersede the miserable "kangaroo" design which, after two years' consideration, was adopted by the Labor Administration.

Both the new designs are an undoubted improvement on the stamps at present in use. They have the King's head in the centre. In the 1d stamp the head is surmounted by the word "Australia," with "postage" underneath, and is surrounded by sprigs of wattle. Below the word "postage" is the 1d indicating the denomination of the stamp, and over the numeral at each side is the crown.

The sprays of wattle in the 2d stamp are limited to the upper portion of the circle. To the right is the kangaroo and to the left the emu. Underneath the King's head is the word "postage," with the denomination below, and on either side the numeral.

Mr. Wynne proposes to put in hand at once the work of casting the die for the stamp. The plate will be engraved on steel, and it will probably have to be imported, either from England or America. In the meantime Mr. Wynne intends to utilise a temporary process for placing the stamps in circulation as speedily as possible.

The colors of the stamps are fixed under the Berne Convention. There are three standard colors—red for the 1d stamp, blue for the 2d stamp, and green for the 1/2d stamp. These are the only denominations which are to be altered for the present.

A VISIT TO NEW YORK.

The managing editor paid a hurried visit to New York last week and made many business calls. He found the dealers in good spirits and it was freely asserted that the business of 1913-14 would be record breaking. Our Exhibition Special was given a good boost and the New York dealers will be heard from through this medium. The following definite large space orders have been received:—

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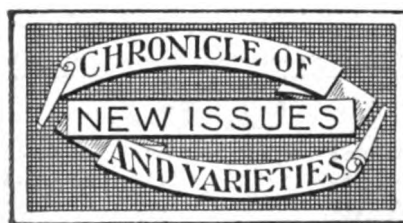
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Australia , (Kangaroo) £2 rose.....	11.40
Southern Nigeria , 2d grey.....	.06
Aitutaki , On 1d New Zealand.....	.02
Levant , ½d new type, .02; 1½ on 4d new type.....	.10
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge lists the following new precancels:

Ashland, Ohio.—(No. 1145) 3c 1910, inverted.

Attica, Ind.—(No. 1164) 1c 1912, inverted.

Easton, Pa.—Two lines (Easton, Pa.) in bold type, between lines 1½ mm. apart, lines ¾ mm. thick. 1c 1912.

Cleveland, Ohio.—(No. 1149) 5c 1910, inverted.

New York, N. Y.—(No. 1164) 6c 1910.

Minneapolis, Minn.—(No. 1160) 4c 1910, inverted.

Detroit, Mich.—(No. 1160) 1910, 5c.

South Weymouth, Mass.—(No. 1145) 1912, 1c.

ANTIGUA.—The *London Philatelist* reports the 5sh value, Scott's type A4, but with portrait of King George, instead of King Edward.

Adhesive.

5sh violet and green.

AUSTRALIA.—A correspondent writes to *Ewen's Weekly* as follows:

"The postmaster-general (Mr. Wynne) has finally adopted designs for new 1d and 2d stamps. Apart from the King's head being sideface, they turn out now very different to the winning competitive design. The shields have all gone from the top of the stamp, and are replaced by sprigs of wattle-blossom. The kangaroo and emu have also vanished from the penny value, though they appear in the two-penny. The design for the half-penny is not yet settled on. Philatelists will certainly welcome adoption of divers designs for different denominations. When one type is adopted for a whole series only differing in color and words of value (as the Kangaroo series) one becomes weary of it, and it affords the lazy collector a good excuse for taking the one value only as type representative.

"Mr. Wynne is evidently in haste and anxious to show our loyalty, but if he fulfills his threat of utilising some temporary process until plate arrives from abroad, it will mean a provisional issue for us philatelists (whether the public notices it or not) for such a colonial

print, whether from litho transfers or electros, would probably be a rough and ready affair."

The following is from *The Melbourne Argus*:

"Final action was taken yesterday by the Postmaster-General (Mr. Wynne) in connection with the adoption of the designs for the new Commonwealth stamps, which are to take the place of the discredited kangaroo issue. Some weeks ago Mr. Wynne announced that he had decided to avail himself of the first prize design, submitted by Mr. Herman Altman, of St. Kilda, but a close examination of the drawing convinced him that it contained too many features to permit of effective reproduction. Accordingly, the designer was asked to alter his sketch so as to simplify the features.

"This has been done by eliminating the coats of arms of the six States and substituting sprigs of wattle blossom in their stead. A much improved picture of His Majesty the King has also been introduced. The penny stamp will contain no national emblems apart from the wattle blooms, but the two-penny design is to be distinguished by representations of a kangaroo and an emu on either side. A crown will also surmount the stamp of higher denomination. The Postmaster-General stated yesterday that he would expedite the issue of the new stamp as much as possible, but he had been informed that it might be necessary to send to England or America to have the permanent dies prepared. If he found it was impossible to secure the plates in the Commonwealth he would endeavour to carry on the production of the new stamps temporarily by some other expedient, pending the arrival of the engravings from overseas."

BULGARIA.—A friend tells us that the abbreviated words on the Bulgarian provisionals noted in No. 1186 are "Osoboditelna Voyna," literally "Liberating War." Our informant says that some Bulgarians of his acquaintance gave the meaning as "Liberating Army," but evidently they have been so long in this country that they have forgotten their language, but the Russian dictionary says the final word means war.

CUBA.—A Havana friend informs Scott's Circular that the Postage Due stamps of Cuba, with the exception of the 10c value, are all sold out and regular postage stamps are now used for the purpose, but with the cancellation "T."

GOLD COAST.—The *London Philatelist* chronicles the complete set of King George stamps for this Colony. Some of them we have already chronicled.

Adhesives.

½d green.
1d scarlet.
2d gray.
2½d ultramarine.
3d purple on yellow.
6d dull red and violet.
1sh black on green.

2sh purple and blue on blue.
2sh 6d black and red on blue.
5sh green and red on yellow.
10sh green and red on green.
20sh purple and black on red.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Marsh's Circular* says that a fresh printing seems to have been made of the 2sh 6d value. The printing is very much clearer than in the stamps issued on the first day, and the paper seems to be of a thinner texture. Probably this is the reason that the printing shows up so much better. The shade is very similar to the first printing, but, if anything, it is a little colder in tone.

MEXICO.—We are indebted to C. Edward Wright for a curious cover, recently purchased by him from a local firm. The stamp is of large size, evidently lithographed and has as the principal inscription "Ejercito Constitucionalista" in a large curve at the top with the date in the upper corners thus "19" and "13." In the opening the "Eagle and serpent" are placed at the bottom with "Transitorio"—"Mexico" imposed. The value "10—Centavos" appears above the eagle's head.

Regarding the cover Mr. Wright says: "The envelope is exactly as I found it. The sole stamp that franked the letter through from Mexico is this issue by the Constitutional Army. The inscription below the '19'—'13' in the upper corners is 'Ejercito Constitucionalista,' meaning, as I am informed, 'Constitutional Army.' The 'Transitorio' may be literally translated, or it may be translated 'temporary.' I presume that the stamp is to be regarded as a local; and yet it did international duty, as there is not even a postage due stamp on the cover. It is to be regretted that the postmark is so obscure as to be indecipherable in its entirety. However, there is enough to indicate that it was mailed from some point in the State of Coahuila in July last, as 'Porfirio Diaz' in the lower segment of the circle is plain enough."

Provisional Adhesive.

10c red lilac.

NICARAGUA.—A. W. Dunning shows us further values of the new "Cordoba" surcharges as follows: "Medio Centavo" on 3c and 15c Liberty and 2c Locomotive. The latter surcharge is in black, but the others are in deep red brown.

Hermann Focke reports the 50c Liberty stamp, surcharged "Dos Centavos" in the "Cordoba" set and also the same surcharge upon the 10c brown stamped envelope.

PANAMA.—We are also indebted to Gerald D. Bliss and H. F. Christensen for specimens of the 2½c commemorative stamp chronicled in No. 1186.

PERU.—H. P. Norris writes as follows, regarding the item under Peru in No. 1184:

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1889, 1c rose, No. 73.....	.02
2c blue, No. 74.....	.01
5c lilac, No. 75.....	.02
7c brown, No. 76.....	.03
10c black, No. 77.....	.02
1k orange, No. 78.....	.02
5k green, No. 80.....	.06
1891, 1c black, No. 81.....	.02
2c brown, No. 82.....	.02
5c blue, No. 83, unused.....	.08
5c lilac, No. 83, used.....	.01
10c lilac rose, No. 85.....	.04
14c orange, No. 86.....	.06
1k orange, No. 87.....	.03
2k orange, No. 88.....	.04
5k ochre yellow, No. 89, unused.....	.35
1894, 1c violet, No. 90, unused.....	.02
1c violet, No. 90, used.....	.01
2c green, No. 91.....	.01
5c ultramarine, No. 92.....	.01
8c brown, No. 93.....	.01
10c orange, No. 94.....	.04
2k ochre and blue, No. 97, unused.....	.05

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A comprehensive handbook, well written finely illustrated and typographically a handsome production.

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Scott's No. 196, unused, which I purchased within the last year, for 20 cents, but do not remember from whom. Of course the surcharge may be a counterfeit; but I only get stamps from reliable dealers and hope that others will turn up and that the *Bazaar* is wrong in saying it is a postmark."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The *Australian Philatelist* reports having seen the 3d, watermarked Crown A, with the error "Penge" instead of "Pence." The cross stroke of the "G" is said to appear very distinctly.

SPAIN.—*Die Post* says that the 10p value of the current set has at last appeared though some values in the set were first issued four years ago. This completes the set.

Adhesive.

10p brown orange.

ST. HELENA.—*Ewen's Weekly* and the *London Philatelist* chronicle further values of the Georgian set, the 1½d and 3sh values in the "Government House"

Trade Column.

This column is for the use of our patrons who desire only a few lines of space. If you want to buy, sell or exchange, it is without doubt the best advertising medium in the world.

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We want to buy a stamp collection for cash. J. L. Wolff, 717 Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. [tf]

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JOHN M. LONG, Watertown, N. Y. [tf]

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100 British Col. and 1000 Foreign, 20c. D. L. CURRAN, 66 Thorp St., Binghamton, N. Y. [tf]

Collectors duplicates wanted. I have nice lot foreign and U. S., fine lot Match and Medicine. Write for list, tell me what you have. L. V. LINDSEY, 81 Mitchell St., Norwich, N. Y. [tf]

1000 Hinges free to applicants for my 60% off Scotts approvals sending good ref. and 2 cents postage. CARL N. SCHMALZ, Huntley, Ill. [tf]

Superb Mint Blocks of U. S. Locals. Hussey's No. 2588, mint block, cat. \$1.00, for 30c. Hussey's No. 2600, mint block, cat. 20c, for 10c. Empire City Dispatch No. 2465, mint block, 10c. Southern Stamp Co., P.O. Box 644, Norfolk, Va. [87*]

Parcel Post, 1 to 25c selected, .15
Russia Jubilee, 7k used, fine, .03
Salvador 1912, 1, 2, 5, 6c used, .05
W. W. DAYTON, Nashotah, Wis. [tf]

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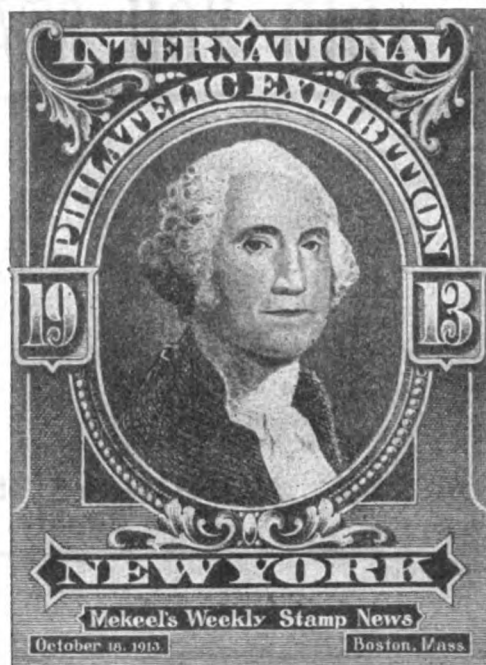
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Saturday, October 18, 1913

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Our regular advertising rates will prevail notwithstanding the large extra circulation. It is our purpose to make this issue a lasting benefit to philately.

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MEKEEL-SEVERN-WYLIE CO., BOSTON, MASS.

Send for my app. at 50%. Try me once and you will try me again. PAUL MATTHIAS, 328 Ash St., Hammond, Ind. [91]

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Net approvals representing 60 to 80% discount against A1 References. Many real live bargains. E. A. MOSELEY, Bloomfield, Mo. [tf]

\$1 Foreign Exch. to applicants for my 50% app. Ref. req. J. H. PRESTON & CO., So. Hadley, Mass. [tf]

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On Approval at net cut-rate prices. A series of used and unused postage stamps in fine condition only. Reference required. What do you need?

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design and the 3d in the "Harbor Scene."

Adhesives.

1½d orange and black.
3d purple and black on yellow.
3sh violet and black.

St. LUCIA.—J. A. Galbraith shows us the 4d and 2sh 6d values in the Georgian set. The former is in the Nyasaland type, while the higher value is in the new Grenada type.

Adhesives.

4d scarlet and black on yellow.
2sh 6d black and carmine on blue.

URUGUAY.—Hermann Focke sends us specimens of the 4c, 5c and 20c lithographed and notes that the 8c is still being issued in the engraved form of the Waterlow print.

ZANZIBAR.—It should have been stated in the chronicle of the new set that the stamps are printed on paper watermarked multiple rosettes and perforated 14.

Superior Mixture. 5 each of 75 varieties, fine, catalog up to 10c each, about \$7.50 per packet, for only \$1.50, postpaid. Not a loaded mixture, good clean stamps. Try it—you can't lose—your money back if you want it.

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Stamps cat. 15c free to applicants enclosing reference for my bargain approvals. C. H. ISSLER, Corliss Terrace, Worcester, Mass.

1500 stamps from all over the world, fine mixture, over 400 var., only 50c. Money order please. WM. KNOTMAN, 3812 E. 5th Ave., Spokane, Wash.

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The Boston Philatelic Society.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 7.30 P. M.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 17, 1913.

The 298th (regular) meeting was held at the Club Room this evening with President Nevin in the chair and 28 members and friends present.

The following was read:—

LIBRARY REPORT FOR JULY-SEPT.

There has been received since the last report by purchase:—Check List of British and Colonial Stamps, 20th Century, published by E. B. Power; Check List of Stamps of Portugal and Colonies, 20th Century, by E. B. Power; Neuer Normal Katalog, Kohl, 1914; Stamps of the Levant Post offices by D. B. Armstrong (Bright's Phil. Lib. Vol. III.). By donation:—Annual Report of the Committee on Philatelic Literature, A. P. S., 1912, from C. A. Howes; and the current numbers of the following magazines generously contributed by the publishers:—Gibbons' Monthly, Mekeel's Weekly, Stamp Journal, Postage Stamp, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Circular, Philatelic Gazette, Collectors' Journal, New England Stamp Monthly, British Guiana Philatelic Journal, and the New Yorker Briefmarken Zeitung.

Mr. Stone reported for the New York Exhibition Committee that they had received and forwarded subscriptions totalling \$180 from the members of the Society.

The resignation of No. 543 was read and accepted.

The following were elected members:—No. 583, Richard C. Story, No. 584, Alan N. Stein, No. 585, Linville H. Wardwell.

The proposed amendment to Article VII., Sec. 2, of the Constitution, changing the quorum of the Council from five to four was not adopted.

Mr. A. P. Brown made a plea for a stamp talk at every meeting, hereafter, and for omitting entertainment that did not bear directly on stamps.

President Nevin appointed Messrs. Batchelder, Howes and Wylie an Entertainment Committee for the October meeting. President Fred J. Melville of the Junior Philatelic Society, London, expects to be with us at that meeting and a special entertainment is to be prepared.

The entertainment for the evening was the exhibition of Mr. Theodore W. Barry's fine collection of United States cut square envelopes. This was very complete from the first issue, and almost entirely unused. Special attention was given to the varieties of the 2 cent 1903-4 issue, as worked out by Louis G. Barrett, and the showing in these was remarkably fine, almost all being represented and almost all in unused condition.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Brunswick.

THE SEVENTH ISSUE.

In October, 1865, stamps of a new design were introduced. The colors were also changed so as to make them more in conformity with those adopted by the Thurn and Taxis post-office and the German States. The dies, which were engraved on steel at Berlin, were common to adhesives and a series of envelopes. The design consists of the usual galloping horse surmounted by a ducal crown, this being in white on an oval of solid color. Around this is an oval band on which the name "BRAUN-SCHWEIG" appears at the top and "GROSCHEN" at the base on an engine-turned ground. In the center of the band at each side of the horse is a disc for the numerals of value. Four values were issued, 1/2gr, 1gr, 2gr and 3gr all being embossed in color on plain white wove machine made paper. They were rouletted perces en arc like the set they superseded. The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 arranged in ten rows of ten.

Mr. Westoby gives an excellent account of the method employed in the manufacture of these stamps and other embossed stamps of a similar nature issued about the same time for Lubeck, Prussia, and Oldenburg viz:—

The matrix dies were, with scarcely any exception, engraved by Schilling, the engraver to the Imperial Printing Works. The central design alone was first engraved on a block of steel in intaglio, from which a mechanical workman made a punch in steel; and if four values were required, he, with the aid of the punch, sank the central design on four steel dies, on which the engraver subsequently added the border and the proper inscriptions. Were envelopes alone wanted, the process was complete; but when adhesive stamps were required a further process was necessary, as plates had to be constructed. The embossed adhesive stamps were generally printed in sheets of 100 or 150, arranged in rows of ten. Fifty rectangular impressions in lead of the size of the

stamp were struck from each die in a fly-press, and these were clamped together in a chase in five rows of ten. From each of these, two or three electrotypes were made, which formed the printing plate of 100 or 150 stamps. The vertical and horizontal rows were numbered consecutively in each margin in movable type figures, and the plate was ready for printing. The process appears complicated, but it was not a very expensive one where the stamps were not required in large quantities.

Proofs of the new stamps were distributed in January, 1865, and it was stated they would be ready for issue on April 1st, but, as we have already stated, they did not actually appear until October.

There are several shades of all except the lowest value, and all are known imperforate. These were never issued but are from sheets which were found among the remainders.



Reference List.

1865. Embossed. No wmk. Perces en arc 16 1/2 to 17 1/2.

- 19. 1/2gr black, Scott's No. 20.
- 20. 1gr rose, Scott's No. 21.
- 21. 2gr blue, Scott's No. 22.
- 22. 3gr bistre, Scott's No. 23.

At the end of 1867 the postal administration of Brunswick was merged in that of the North German Confederation and ceased to exist as an independent establishment after December 31st, 1867.

The remainders of the 1865 issue were sold in 1868. They were not offered in one lot but could be purchased by the 100 sheets at about 2 thalers by anyone interested. As a matter of fact most of them were purchased by one man, a German dealer, and that there must have been a large stock of some values is obvious from the low prices at which they are priced in present day catalogues.

A LUCKY INVESTMENT.

By ARTHUR IRWIN SMITH.

John sat by the open window in a happy mood, even though there was not a breeze stirring. He found it a good time to look over a packet of stamps he had just bought and hinge those new to his collection in his album. While others hunted for a draft, he was glad there was no passing wind to scatter those interesting bits of paper from the table to the floor.

He looked at his album lovingly. It was the work of several years. All the odd dimes and nickels he had made during his spare time had been eagerly invested in stamps. His mother and father had often wondered at him, thinking that he would get more enjoyment out of his earnings if he spent them as other boys did. However, though they did not fully understand their son, they never interfered with his innocent pursuits.

He was sorting out a group of Austrian stamps when his father's subdued voice out on the veranda attracted his attention. He unconsciously acted the part of an eavesdropper.

"If I only had fifty dollars," he was saying, "I could pay the interest on our home and Mr. Brown would wait longer for the payment. I've tried to borrow, but no one seems to have that amount to lend. If I had not been so willing to help others"—this was in a bitter tone—"I could have met not only the interest but the payment also. It

was a bad thing for me when I went on Howard Burrow's note."

"It is too bad that you have to suffer because of his failure to pay his own debt," cried Mrs. Dalley in a higher key than her husband was using. "You must find a way to save our home, for we have it over half paid for now."

John's work lost all interest for him. Mechanically he put away his stamps and hinges, and picked up his album. Lose their home? No, it must not be! He knew how their heart was set on this place, how they had struggled to make the payments on it. It had always been a cherished dream of his parents to have a home at least, for their old days. He must do something himself.

"You have two weeks, yet, Robert," he heard his mother say, "perhaps you may be able to get the money by that time."

John opened his album, glancing through the well-filled pages. What could he, a fifteen-year-old boy, do to make fifty dollars in two weeks? Almost with the question came the answer. He turned to his file of stamp papers, and hastily began looking over the advertisements. He found what he sought and began writing rapidly, as if hesitation would be fatal to his resolve. He had hardly sealed his letter when his father came in and asked him to go to the post-office.

John's plan for getting the fifty dollars was not an easy one for him, for it meant sacrifice, but it was a sacrifice

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"In regard to my advertisement in St. Nicholas Magazine, I must say, that my first venture into the Stamp business was twelve years ago by placing a four line adv. in your magazine. This brought me so many high-class customers that I believed there was money in the Stamp business which gave me confidence to continue same. I find that one reply from the St. Nicholas is worth ten of any other publications."

This dealer's name and address will be furnished upon request.

Incidentally we have heard of other stamp dealers who have had the same experience.

ST. NICHOLAS STAMP DIRECTORY
Union Square, NEW YORK CITY

that only a collector would understand. He was glad when his letter was safely mailed.

Anxiously he watched for an answer. It came quickly, and on the same day he mailed a large package. He did not explain what he was doing to his father, because he felt that he was not yet certain of that fifty dollars, and he did not want to raise any hopes that could not be realized. Even if he received the money, he was afraid it might not get here in time. He was suffering with his parents lest they might be forced to give up their home which they had all grown to love.

"Well, John, I guess we'll have to move pretty soon," remarked Mr. Dalley at the breakfast table just three days before the time designated for the payment of the interest.

This was the first time he had mentioned the matter to John. The boy tried to look at him wonderingly as he asked, "Why, what's the matter, father?"

Mr. Dalley, whom John knew had been keeping the matter from him in order to save him unnecessary worry, now began to make the same explanation he had overheard nearly two weeks before.

"Father, surely, you can get the money from some one," John declared.

"I have done my best, but money seems to be scarce among my friends. Pride forbids me going to some who are my enemies," his father answered.

"Don't give up hope," John could not keep from saying; "maybe something will happen that will save our home."

John hurried off soon afterwards to the postoffice. Perhaps the late mail train had brought him something. Eagerly he opened the mail-box. Sure enough there was a letter—the long-looked for one. John's hands trembled with excitement and joy when a check for fifty dollars fell from the letter to the floor.

He picked up the check and almost ran home. His father and mother watched him in alarm when he dashed into the house.

"Here, father—here's the fifty dollars you need!" he exclaimed, handing his father the check.

"How in the world did you get it?" gasped Mr. Dalley.

"I sold my collection," John answered quietly.

"For fifty dollars?" incredulously.

"Yes, sir; it was worth much more, but you needed the money—I heard you tell mother about it all—I sold it for less than its real value."

"And to think we always thought the child was fooling away his time," cried his mother with tears in her eyes.

MONDAY IS TOO LATE.

Advertising copy must be received Saturday. If it does not appear in the issue it was intended for, its because it reached us Monday. This is a plain word and should be understood.

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If your name is new to our mailing list or you can get a name new to our mailing list you may have one of the following premiums.

10 weeks 10c and Your Choice
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Packet of 50 different U. S. Stamps.

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1904, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c..... catalog value .46

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*Seychelles 1892, 3 on 4c..... catalog .18
Chile '92, 15c, 25c, 1p..... " .23
Guatemala '02, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10c..... " .13

Toppin's great book on U. S. Stamps.
Japan 1906, 5 yen green..... " .33
Tunis 1906, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35c.... " .35

U. S. 10c Proprietary Rev..... " .37
*Costa Rica '89, 1c to 1p..... " .27
*Hayti '98, Unp. 2, 5, 10c..... " .22

305 all different foreign stamps.
105 U. S. Stamps.

*Arequiva '81, 10c (No. 7)..... " .35
*Salvador '97, 1c, 5c four colors..... " .18
" '93, 2p, 5p..... " .24

Nice Stamp Album holds 1200 stamps.
*Nicaragua '69, 5c black..... " .75
*Honduras '78-'89, 1c, 1/2, 1p, 2p, 1p..... " .29

1 Year 50c and Your Choice
Japan 1906, 10 yen violet.

Any one of the Melville, Poole or Armstrong Books advertised by us.

Canada 25 all different. Many issues.
Persia set, 25 all different.

Asiatic packet, 50 all different.
300 all diff. foreign. A nice collection.

Seychelles 1892, 12c on 16c..... catalog .46
*Antigua 1882, 1p, 1896, 2 1/2 p, 4p..... " .55
*St. Christopher 1882, 1/2, 1, 4p..... " .38

*Medellin 1903, 10c, 20c, 50c..... " 1.06
Paraguay set of 15 different stamps.

Animal Packet 20 all diff., some unused.
France, 50 different, nice collection.

*Bolivar 1879, 5c imperf. pair..... " .50
*Honduras 1898, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20c..... " .59

Labuan '94, 1c to 24c, 9 var..... " 1.06
Labuan '97, 1c to 24c, 9 var..... " .89

No. Borneo '94, 1c to 24c, 9 var..... " .33
" '97, 1c to 24c, 9 var..... " .80

Two Thousand Peelable Stamp Hinges.

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Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Co., Boston, Mass.

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In brief you will have to learn by experience what to buy, how much to bid, and what to accept and naturally this will cost you more or less, depending on how fast you attempt to go and how much dead stock you buy. One thing is sure, your average costs will be below what you would pay the average wholesaler.

BUYING AT WHOLESALE.

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From the Foreign Wholesaler.—Here the buyer can revel to his heart's content for the number of dealers is legion. However, you must not assume that the first catalogue to hand is the best for a careful study will show you that the prices a quotes may be fifty per cent. more than B asks and the stamps may be just as good. Germany, Bavaria and Austria appear at present to have the lowest priced dealers. English prices are generally higher, in some cases much so. Norway, Denmark and Sweden have a number of remarkably low priced dealers and good stamps too. Dealers in India are bargainers and ask very high prices in many instances. They of course expect to barter. In many of the British Colonies are dealers whose prices are too high and yet frequently one finds one whose prices are reasonable. A common practice especially of these Colonial dealers is to gradually raise the prices on successive orders until the buyer is paying fifty per cent. more than at first. As soon as this is noticed the buyer should refuse to buy, if necessary turning his attention to other countries.

A knowledge of German, French or Spanish is not absolutely necessary although good to have. Every buyer should have a Senf and a Gibbons in addition to his Scott. Some of the best advertisements are printed in German publications and if the reader will get a dictionary he will soon find himself making sense out of attractive offers. In no other business is "eternal vigilance the price of success" more true than in buying stamps.

It is hardly necessary to state that the nearer the retail dealer can get to first hands in his buying the cheaper he will acquire his stock hence as he proceeds he will discover wholesalers in Sweden for instance whose prices on Scandinavians are lower than a dealer in any other country can quote. But always bear in mind that a big difference may exist in prices. An order should be worth while if only to minimize the extra cost of money order and postage. Express Money Orders are cheapest and can be made quite safe if registered. Post Office Money Orders to many countries are not given to the applicant and often do not arrive at the foreign port until weeks after the order. Always insist on having your order filled promptly and without substitution.

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157	.15 .07
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176	.60 .30
176a	2.00 1.00
179	.10 .05
180	.05 .03
181	.08 .04
182	.15 .07
183	.25 .12
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Exchange with foreign dealers or collectors is apt to result disastrously. While many are willing to send you their stamps they desire only the older and higher priced U. S. stamps in exchange for their common stuff. Sometimes one secures a fine correspondent and profits accordingly. If it is desired to acquire stock in this manner it should be made a matter of correspondence until you are satisfied that the party is thoroughly reliable and will send you good value. It should be remembered that the lower denominations of U. S. stamps are quite common abroad hence are seldom desired. Exchange therefore may consist of Canadian, Mexican and South Americans. Most foreign exchange will be made on the basis of Senf or Gibbons and right here is a very important matter. Do not send stamps abroad if you can sell or exchange to better advantage at home. To illustrate, compare Scott's prices on Newfoundland number 61 to 74 with Gibbons prices. Again compare Gibbons number 141 Chile, with Senf. In the latter case it is four cents against thirty. The advertisements in "mushroom" philatelic endeavors are generally old and out of date, let alone the possibility of their being fraudulent. In concluding this talk on the practice of exchange you must bear in mind that it is the most risky of all hence the necessity of due care.

BUYING COLLECTIONS.

It is safe to say that no new dealer has the knowledge and experience that will enable him to buy and dispose of a collection at a profit. Even the experienced dealer frequently loses or fails to make a reasonable profit. An average collection of two or three thousand is of little value as the dealer is very apt to have a majority of the stamps and he is spreading his capital like a soap bubble. Taking a flier occasionally will teach him the value of valuation.

SUMMARY.

It must be expected that learning what to buy and how to buy will cost something besides money. The prices which one pays for his stock eventually will depend largely on his study of foreign markets. As he progresses he constantly discovers new sources of supply. A dealer naturally guards his correspondents because in most cases they cost him more or less in actual money.

As stated in the beginning the auctions are the best sources of supply at the start and but for the fact that there is much of a sameness year after year they would serve as a major supply. Sifting out general wholesale lists whether domestic or foreign requires much time and even then they cannot be depended on for minimum prices. Exchange with serious medium dealers should prove a prolific source if one has the means of making an entering wedge. The big dealers will not bother on the cheaper stamps and should you have something good, would desire the long end. In exchange of this nature you must have the necessary knowledge or trust your correspondent. If he knows stamps he is not going to be imposed on. Exchange should be preferably in fives or tens when a stamp catalogues five cents or more. Remember that many of the exchange advertisements in even the best of foreign publications are more or

less fraudulent. They either fail to reply at all or send a lot of cheap stuff.

Lastly remember that if you expect to do a big and profitable business you have got to handle a lot of stamps in the course of a year and that what you pay for them is going to have a big bearing on your profits. What this or that individual says when you object to his prices as being unreasonable should not worry you in the least. If they call you a piker, just keep on piking.

THE NEW JAPANESE POSTAGE STAMPS.

(We are indebted to Jun Kobayagawa Co., Yokohama, Japan, for advance sheets of their magazine, The Numismatic and Philatelic Journal of Japan, giving the particulars of the new issue of postage stamps. The article is from the pen of the editor, H. A. Ramsden, and we are greatly obliged to him for the favor.—Ed.)

As most of our readers are already aware, the designs for this new series were obtained by competition, as duly announced by special articles in the Journal. It was intended that these stamps should be issued on the 31st of August of the present year, which date is the anniversary of the Emperor's birthday, so that the time allowed for their manufacture was extremely limited. The period of less than six months—since this is the time which has elapsed from the date the designs were accepted up till the end of August, when they are to be placed on sale—was hardly sufficient to prepare the entire proposed new set so as to be ready by the date mentioned. It is therefore not astonishing that all the values are not to appear at once and we learn that the 3 sen and the 1½ sen stamps are the only denominations that will be issued by that date.

Their colours and other particulars are:—3 sen red, 1½ sen purple, so as to correspond with requirements of the International Postal Union, of which Japan has been a member since 1877. The paper is unwatermarked, while the perforation is 12. As regards the merits of the designs, as this depends greatly on individual tastes, we must leave our readers free to form their own opinions. These designs were chosen from among those which gained the first prize in the public competition held in March of this year. The lucky winner was Mr. Tazawa, an employé of the Engraving Bureau at Tokyo, who served his apprenticeship in the United States with the American Bank Note Company.



The two stamps which have now appeared are the two values most used for interior purposes, including postages to China: the 3 sen being the ordinary charge for letters and the 1½ sen the postal card rate.

We are led to believe that the remaining values of this issue will simultaneously appear later. When this will take place, we are unable to inform our readers, but we have been told that we may count on their appearing before the end of the year. The other denominations will probably be:—

½ sen gray	5 sen yellow
1 sen brown	10 sen ultramarine
2 sen green	20 sen orange
4 sen rose	25 sen green
1 Yen (colour uncertain)	

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20 50c bistre, new.....	.40	1.50
59 2c rose, new.....	.50	2.00
65 2c rose, new.....	.12	.50
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In conclusion, we may remark that the 5 and 10 Yen stamps which were introduced in 1908, bearing the effigy of the historical Empress Jingo Kogo, the fair conqueror of Corea, will still continue to be used unaltered as heretofore.

NEW YORK EXHIBITION DATES.



Monday, October 27th. 2 p. m. doors of the Exhibition open at the Engineering Societies' Building, No. 25 West 39th Street. 8 p. m. Official Opening.

Tuesday, October 28th. 8 p. m. German Night and Festkommers given by the New York Stamp Society at Allaire's Scheffel Hall, No. 194 Third Avenue, near 17th Street. Admission including refreshments, one dollar. For tickets apply to Mr. A. Beck, 24 Gramercy Park.

Wednesday, October 29th.—1 to 3 p. m. Collectors' Club luncheon, 26 Park Place.

Thursday, October 30th. 8 p. m. Official Banquet at Hotel Astor, Broadway and 44th Street. \$3.50 per plate not including wine. Those wishing to attend notify Mr. J. C. Morgenthau, 87 Nassau Street.

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EDITORIAL

Secure in Stamps—The information that there are over two hundred entries in the forthcoming exhibition at New York confirms the impression that has prevailed for some time past that on the essential score of objects for exhibition, the managers of the enterprise are out of the woods. As a stamp display and as a revelation of the refinements of philately, the exhibition will meet all expectations and the discriminating philatelist will find his pursuit revealed, and lavishly, in all its splendid aspects. It now becomes the aim of the promoters to attract the attention of the detached collector and the members of the unheeding public who may be receptive to the philatelic idea. While this wonderful exhibition will gain the applause of those who are within "the pale of progressive philately," there are little brothers crying in the wilderness, to whom it should shine forth as a beacon light. It is almost as important to let those who are not stamp collectors know what may be seen at the Engineering Societies' Building as it is those who are philatelists. At the Chicago Exhibition in 1911, the publicity feature beyond the confines of philately was not pressed aggressively, an omission due to the rush of events, but the little that was done showed how gratifying would have been the response of the public if this consideration had been fully discharged. It is certain that the shrewd managers of the New York Exhibition have weighed well all measures of advertising to the public; and we are confident that results will acclaim their wisdom.

That Washington Job—While we have received no notice at this writing that an appointment has been made to the position of Philatelist at Washington, even though it is probable that the selection has now been made, those who entered into the civil service examination for the berth have received

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the following letter from Washington: "You are advised that you received a rating of —% in the examination taken by you for the position of Philatelist in the National Museum, Washington, D. C. Under the rules, a percentage of at least 70 is required for eligibility. By direction of the Committee, United States Civil Service Committee."

The Second Convention—In the light of the recent convention of the American Philatelic Society at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, a lot of newspaper clippings on the second annual convention of the society held in Chicago, August 1887, over twenty-six years ago are of some interest. The opening feature of the convention was President Tiffany's memorable address "which was a three hours' history of the stamp from its invention in England fifty years ago—the establishment of the penny post—down to the work of this association, which he claimed had been of great public benefit in detecting and convicting counterfeiters." It was about a year before this time that Mr. E. B. Sterling of Trenton, New Jersey, made his discovery of a counterfeit beer stamp that was issued to defraud the government. The offenders were convicted of the crime and Mr. Sterling's action was rewarded financially by a grateful government; and in consequence, Mr. Sterling was always regarded as the source of a good story by the newspaper reporters. Mr. Sterling was at the Chicago convention. It was at this convention that the claims of James Chalmers as the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp were given preference over those of Sir Rowland Hill. Perhaps we should add that the espousal of the Chalmers' side of the controversy was an incident in the campaign, almost furious at times, that was waged by the adherents of Hill and Chalmers, respectively. Two years later, the issue was revived at the St. Louis convention, where a resolution was carried "That a committee of five, consisting of two of Mr. Chalmers' adherents and two of Mr. Hill's, these four to select a fifth member, be appointed to investigate the Chalmers-Hill controversy and report at the next annual Convention." At the New York convention the Gordian knot was neatly severed by a vote to the effect that the society take no side but "be known as entirely neutral in this matter."

Comparisons—The second convention of the American Philatelic Society, held in Chicago in 1887 could be called the first real convention as the gathering at New York the year before was a sort of ratification meeting. While the American Philatelic Society has broadened and prospered and its written code has become to be almost a perfected document, yet it must be confessed that about the only improvement shown by recent conventions over the first one is in the way of larger attendance. We read of the Chicago convention that Henry L. Calman, New York, brought a magnificent collection for display and E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J., a collection of tax-paid stamps; and the "exhibition" was supplemented by an "ex-

change," the so-called bourse of today. At Chicago, the foundation of the social features of the stamp convention was laid as we read that on the afternoon of the day of the opening of the convention, "the convention went to the ball game." On the same evening, there was a famous banquet that was presided over inimitably by that philatelic genius, John K. Tiffany and in its appointments and it has been said, the impression made upon the banqueters, the feast was note-worthy. The well-known group photograph? Ah, yes, at the close of the convention, the members adjourned "in a body to get their photographs taken." We add softly that all too few of those who comprised this happy group still are spared to participate in the affairs of our little world.

From Mexico—We have just seen what seems to be an army provisional stamp that was mailed on a cover from the City of Porfirio Diaz, Coahuili, to the United States, the envelope having come direct with no postage due or United States stamps upon it. The stamp, ten centavos, is in violet brown, and has a back ground of the Mexican coat-of-arms; at top is the inscription "Ejercito Constitucionalista," value in center and "Transito" below. The stamp is lithographed and not perforated. The postmark on the letter is July 13th, 1913. The city of Porfirio Diaz is on the northern border of the district of Coahuili, just across from the United States.

Pushing Permits—The postoffice department is encouraging the use of "permits" for third and fourth class matter at the expense of precanceled stamps. In the last few months three different orders have been issued advising postmasters to call the attention of large users of stamps to the advantage of the "permit" system. From the latest order it is learned that "it is preferred that large quantities of matter of the third and fourth classes be mailed without stamps affixed, under the provisions of Section 483½, Postal Laws and Regulations, the postage being paid in money rather than under precanceled stamps."

VISITORS FROM ABROAD.

Among the distinguished visitors from abroad who will attend the N. Y. exhibition we note the following:—L. L. R. Hausberg, M. P. Castle, A. Bolaffi, Guy Semple, Fred J. Melville, Baron Leijunhufvud, A. J. Sefi, Albert Coyette, D. Field and E. Szekeula.

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Will our subscribers report to us any instances where approval selections are marked in excess of Scott's catalog and discounts allowed? We are very desirous of securing the co-operation indicated. If you are patronizing the *American Boy* advertisements and note dishonest discounts please file your complaints with Mr. Tucker of that publication and if *St. Nicholas* write Mr. Parker. THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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The necessary reform that the publishers of the WEEKLY are trying to work out is meeting with the hearty approval of our subscribers and dealers generally. Some of our advertising patrons, however, do not take very kindly to the new order of things and insist that we are interfering with their methods of running their business. This is begging the question. It is not dictation but merely a protection of our subscribers' interests and these interests demand protection. We publish a copy of a letter sent this week to a firm that was protesting against the position we have taken:—

"We want to take up with you once again the matter of dishonest discounts as the WEEKLY cannot permit its advertisers to engage in this manner of business and seek business relations with its subscribers.

The sheets submitted by Mr. Wilson for our inspection contained many stamps that were priced at more than catalog quotations and the mere fact that your "circulars state that the discount is from the marked price" does not justify you in putting fancy prices upon your approval sheets in order that big discounts may be quoted.

This is a fair business proposition that we are putting up to you and you should understand that the temporary benefit you may receive in the way of business is more than off-set by the loss that comes subsequently when your customers realize that they have been bunched.

We compared these sheets with the catalog and the stamps just as stated were marked in excess of catalog quotations. The WEEKLY maintains that where the word "discount" is used, Scott's Standard Catalog must also be used in order to protect the general public.

We are perfectly aware that all stamps cannot be sold at 50% discount, but we are also aware that a sufficient number can be sold at this discount to fully protect you in your quest for business. Where stamps are marked at net prices it is not within the province of the WEEKLY to dictate as regards prices but it is essential that a reform be effected as regards the loose manner in which the word "discount" is being used.

As a representative dealer you should take the lead in effecting the necessary reform, and we feel certain that upon further consideration you will decide that our position is the proper one to take.

We admit that you have a perfect right to deal in foreign revenues but we also affirm that the practise of placing Egypt revenues on approval sheets and marking them at fancy prices (conveying the idea that they are desirable by the prominence given them) is not creditable to a firm of your standing.

The boy collector should be dealt with as the adult collector of tomorrow and if the patrons of our advertising columns do not feel that this reform is worth effecting we shall feel that we must protect our subscribers by declining their advertising. We shall be sorry to do this but there is no other course for us to pursue.

We might add that we had only to present the merits of this matter to Mr. Tucker of the *American Boy* and Mr. Parker of *St. Nicholas* to have them see the need of effecting the reform of "discount" in its application to stamp values. Both of these publications will take just the same course as the WEEKLY does in the matter under discussion.

We have written you at length as

we realize the importance of the step referred to and look to you to take the lead. We shall await a further word from you trusting that the mutually pleasant relations of the past will be continued."

What we demand of our advertisers is simply this—that stamps sold at discounts shall be marked in accordance with Scott's catalog where the catalog prices the stamps. This catalog is generally accepted as the national authority and while English and French catalogs are consulted by the more advanced collectors we have determined to make Scott's catalog (or Gibbons) the standard. Any dealer now using our columns who declines to comply with this rule will please notify us at once in order that we may discontinue their advertising. Our subscribers are invited to co-operate with us. We are determined to protect the collectors of our country so far in as we are able against the marking of stamps so as to allow of fancy "discounts."

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

THE PRESENT REGISTRY FEE.

By COLLECTOR.

Recently I complained to Postmaster General Burleson against the present registry fee of ten cents. I recommended a reduction of 50 or 60 per cent. in the fee. To this, A. M. Dockery, third Assistant P. M. General, replied: "In answer to your letter of September 12, 1913, which the Postmaster General has referred to me, wherein you recommend that a reduction be made in the amount of registration fee charged, you are informed that this matter is under consideration. It cannot be said at the present time what action will be taken."

"It was reported by a committee, after an investigation of the cost of handling the several classes of mail, that the Registry Service was conducted at a loss annually of over \$3,000,000, and upon recommendation of a special committee appointed to investigate the Registry Service in its entirety, the fee was increased from eight to ten cents.

"The greatest expenditure on account of the Registry Service is not the amount disbursed for indemnity in case of loss but is the cost of giving registered mail special treatment in the service by records and receipts used to safeguard the matter and make it possible to trace it in case it is lost or missing."

Obviously if its business is being conducted at a deficit of \$3,000,000 a year, there is something radically wrong with the system of the registry division of the postal service. This being the case it behooves stamp collectors and stamp dealers, both of whom make frequent use of the registry system, to do something to bring about a reform in the postoffice department system, which will permit of a reduction of this fee.

Surely, if England, for instance, can make a 4-cent registry fee, while the United States loses \$3,000,000 a year on a 10-cent fee, there is need of reform.

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UNUSED PARCEL POST DUES.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13, 1913.

It has come to the notice of the Department that parcel post due stamps have been sold at certain post offices to stamp dealers and collectors or their agents. The sale of due stamps by the parcel service is prohibited by law, and postmasters and their subordinates will govern themselves accordingly.

A. M. DOCKERY, 3rd Asst. P. M. G.

In view of this ruling we ask our advertisers to refrain from advertising Parcel Post dues in unused condition.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

SEVERAL COLLECTIONS

in Wolsieffer's 131st Auction Sale Oct. 11th next.

1882 CAUCA 5c No. 2
catalog value \$150.00, see lot 274 Wolsieffer's
131st sale Oct. 11th.

1869 REISSUE 90c No. 132
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sale Oct. 11th.

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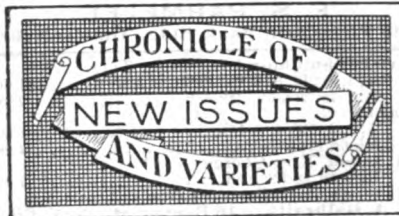
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding pre-cancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 4c, 6c and 10c olive postage due stamps of 1902, on paper watermarked crosses and circles. The 2c was previously announced.

GUATEMALA.—Hermann Focke sends us used specimens of the new provisional, 12½c on 2p, chronicled recently.

HONDURAS.—Hermann Focke sends us the first of the new series promised some time since, and we find it very cheaply lithographed on white unwatermarked paper and perforated 11½. The design is poorly drawn and executed and shows a portrait of the President of the Republic in a circle, with "Correos—de Honduras" in two curved lines above. The value in figures appears in the upper corners, and in words in two lines across the bottom. "1913—U. P. U." in small type is printed between the figures of value. Presumably this is the first of a full set.

Mr. Focke also sends us two provisionals not previously chronicled the 1c violet steamer type, surcharged "Oficial" in red having been surcharged with new values in black.

Adhesive.

5c dull blue.

Provisional Official Adhesives.

"10 cts." on 1c violet and red.

"20 cts." on 1c violet and red.

JAPAN.—The new series of stamps promised some time since has begun to appear, two values having been shown us by A. C. Roessler, Arthur Russell and Whitfield King & Co. One design is used for both values, showing an irregular shaped opening in the centre with the value in native characters, small circles at either side having the values in English thus: "3" "Sn." The central opening is surmounted by the usual Imperial chrysanthemum. A curved tablet at the top has a line of native characters, and each of the circles containing the

value is surmounted by three cherry blossoms. The design is very pretty, the stamps well printed and the colors clear and distinct, and the whole appearance an improvement on the previous issue.

Adhesives.

1½s blue.

3s carmine.

Mr. Russell shows us a used copy of the new 3s which was mailed at Shimonoseki, September 4.

MEXICO.—La Salle A. Maynard reports from California that the Sonora stamps are being received on mail from that state without other stamps or postage due stamps.

RUSSIA.—Offices in the Levant.—Whitfield King & Co. report a couple of new surcharges for the Russian Offices in the Levant.

Adhesives.

On 1909 Issue of Russia.

15pa on 3k red.

50pi on 5r dark blue, green and pale blue.

THE OUTLOOK.

We anticipate a very large and handsome number of the WEEKLY, October 18, and we heartily appreciate the splendid measure of co-operation that has been extended by both subscribers and advertisers. We shall have some special articles and from an advertising standpoint the issue will be rich indeed.

Since our last issue quarter pages have been engaged by the Ararat Stamp Co. and J. A. Galbraith both of Beaver St., N. Y. City. We add with pleasure these names to the list of New York dealers as given below.

We are beginning to hear from some of our English patrons and in addition to W. H. Peckitt we have Bridger & Kay and F. R. Ginn who have ordered quarter pages. The list follows:—

One Full Page.

Wendover Neefus, Hudson, N. Y.

Scott Stamp & Coin Co., N. Y. City.

Jos. F. Negreen, N. Y. City.

One Half Page.

Andrew Sledd, Jr., Greensboro, Ala.

Stanley Gibbons, Inc., N. Y. City.

L. W. Charlant, N. Y. City.

One Third Page.

Metropolitan Stamp Co., N. Y. City.

Nassau Stamp Co., N. Y. City.

A. N. Stein, Andover, Mass.

Quarter Pages.

W. H. Peckitt. Powell Stamp Co.

N. E. Stamp Co. Republic Stamp Co.

M. Ohlman. Jun Kobayagawa.

C. A. Pitkin. Monopol Stamp Co.

Fred S. Martin. Economist Stamp Co.

Ararat Stamp Co. J. A. Galbraith.

Bridger & Kay. F. R. Ginn.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N. P. A.

The annual convention of the National Philatelic Society was held on September 26th, in the Tremont Building, Boston. A goodly number of enthusiastic members and friends were present.

President Clark spoke briefly on the work of the society, outlining its growth from a small local society to the present prominent position which it has now attained. His remarks were further enlarged upon by the Report of the Secretary. The report of the Sales Department was also quite interesting, showing that that department is now very well established and ably managed.

A new constitution and a code of by-laws were adopted after a lengthy discussion. A notable feature embraced in the new Constitution is the stipulation that invalids and "shut-ins" shall be exempt from all dues. The regular dues were increased to fifty cents per annum, and the initiation fee abolished.

It was voted to recommend a reduction of the present postal registration fee; and the Secretary was instructed to draft a memorial to the Postmaster General.

It was decided to hold the next annual convention at Boston, Mass., which is acknowledged to be the ideal convention city of America. The date selected is July 28, 1914, and succeeding days. The newly elected officers are: President E. L. Weiss; Vice-president, H. A. Benner; Secretary, Walter E. Goodwin; Treasurer, Charles F. Nickerson; International Secretary, Rev. L. G. Dorpat; Directors-at-large, A. W. Dunning, J. Russell Reed.

After adjournment there was an impromptu exhibition of many rare and beautiful gems from the collection of I. W. Risdon, including an unsevered pair of the first issue of Newfoundland, two pence, scarlet-vermilion, on original cover,—the only known pair in existence in this condition.

The next year promises to be a very prosperous one to this young Society, which is now increasing more rapidly than any other similar society in this country.

MR. GUY SEMPLE TO VISIT US.

We get acquainted with a firm name but quite frequently we do not get acquainted with the men who are back of the firm's activities. Guy Semple who is to visit the New York Exhibition is a prominent factor in the Peckitt establishment. He has entire charge of the Peckitt new issue service and this alone is a no small labor. Mr. Semple will be in New York several days prior to the Exhibition and will be pleased to meet friends and patrons of the house of Peckitt.

\$48.00 PERIODICAL No. 1027.

See Lot 122 of Wolsieffer's 131st sale Oct. 11th next.

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1889, 1c rose, No. 73.....	.02
2c blue, No. 74.....	.02
5c lilac, No. 76.....	.04
7c brown, No. 76.....	.03
10c black, No. 77.....	.02
1k orange, No. 78.....	.02
5k green, No. 80.....	.06
1891, 1c black, No. 81.....	.02
2c brown, No. 82.....	.03
5c blue, No. 83, unused.....	.03
6c blue, No. 83, used.....	.01
10c lilac rose, No. 85.....	.04
14c orange, No. 86.....	.05
1k green, No. 87.....	.04
2k orange, No. 88.....	.04
5k ochre yellow, No. 89 unused.....	.05
1894, 1c violet, No. 90, unused.....	.02
1c violet, No. 90, used.....	.01
2c green, No. 91.....	.01
5c ultramarine, No. 92.....	.01
8c brown, No. 93.....	.01
10c orange, No. 94.....	.04
2k ochre and blue, No. 97 unused.....	.05

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

\$100.00 No. 3043, O. G. PERFECTION. A hundred cold cash was paid for this lot 201 of Wolsieffer's 131st sale.

3c RIGHT CAP AND CHICAGO PRINT Nos. 220a and 230 in lots 74 and 79 of Wolsieffer's 131st sale Oct. 11th.

Trade Column.

This column is for the use of our patrons who desire only a few lines of space. If you want to buy, sell or exchange, it is without doubt the best advertising medium in the world. RATE.—20c per line, cash in advance. No display allowed. Six words to the line, including address. We offer 50 lines for \$7.50, where cash is paid in advance. This space can be used at such times and in such quantities as may be desired.

We shall use every possible endeavor to protect our subscribers, but we cannot undertake to be responsible for unsatisfactory trade relations. Advertisers against whom complaints are proven will be barred the further use of these columns.

Advertisers sending out approval selections must take precautions to secure satisfactory references. We cannot undertake to settle all the petty disputes arising from the wide-spread scattering of approval selections.

We want to buy a stamp collection for cash. J. L. Wolff, 717 Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. [tf]

Do You Use Wolsieffer's Approval Cards? [tf]

Special U. S. lot: 6 Spanish War Rev., 10 U. S. Envelopes, cut sq. including War. Dept., 10 Civil War Rev., 6 New York State Rev., all for 10c. CROWLEY STAMP CO., Cleveland, O. [tf]

25 different British Colonials to applicants for approval selections who send 5c postage. C. E. NICKLES, 122 Florida Ave., Washington, D. C. [tf]

Over 200 diff. U. S., including 50c & \$1.00 issues, for \$1.00. 1 lb. U. S. and For., over 200 var., 50c. Approval Sheets 70% off. Reference please. L. X. L. Stamp Co., Pleasantville, N. J. [tf]

We buy remainders direct from any government, also other large parcels; make offers. Wholesale list free to dealers. HOME STAMP CO., Glenelg, Md. [tf]

Wolsieffer's Large Approval Selections by countries at net prices are sure to suit better grade collectors. Leaflet about them free. P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Ft. Dearborn Bldg., Chicago. [tf]

Illustrated album, 100 Vars., 250 hinges, 5c. WRIGHT, 37 Norton St., Dorchester, Mass. [tf]

Have you anything to buy, sell or exchange? This column only 20c per line.

Free! A stamp cataloging 15c free to each applicant for my half-cent or one-cent net approvals. ARTHUR R. WIN SMITH, New Albany, Miss. [tf]

Samples "Glassine" Paper and "Thin" Hinges for 2c stamp. A. W. DUNNING, Brookline, Mass. [tf]

100 British Col. and 1000 Foreign, 20c. D. L. CURRAN, 66 Thorp St., Binghamton, N. Y. [tf]

Collectors duplicates wanted. I have nice lot foreign and U. S., fine lot Match and Medicine. Write for list, tell me what you have. L. V. LINDSEY, 81 Mitchell St., Norwich, N. Y. [tf]

Parcel Post, 1 to 25c selected, .15 Russia Jubilee, 7k used, fine, .10 Salvador 1912, 1, 2, 5, 6c used, .05 W. W. DAYTON, Nashotah, Wis. [tf]

Have you any used Hong Kongs to sell? Name price. 50 diff. foreign covers, many registered, Chile, Norway, Peru, China, etc., only 40c. Come early. R. C. MUNROE, Longmeadow, Mass. A. P. S. 1732. [88]

If you buy 50c worth from my low priced approvals, and mention this ad I will give you an unused Mailometer or Scherck pair. D. M. WARD, 222 Tanev St., Gary, Ind. [eow2]

Mr. Collector, have you tried my approvals at 50c prices 1/2c, 3/4c and 1c? I always send a few better ones too. If your collection is less than \$100 it will pay you well. D. M. WARD, 222 Tanev St., Gary, Ind. [C1]

Bolivia 1894 complete, cat. 33c, .08 Free—Stamp cat. 15c to applicants for 1/2c or 1c approvals. Ref. please. F. PROHASKA, 68 Franklin St., Jersey City, N. J. [tf]

Pay \$1.00 Scott Cat., cash, for most British Colonies, Europe and Colonies, old South Americans, U. S. Adhesives and other standard countries. Cataloging 10c per stamp and up in fine condition. Submit on approval. Quick returns with 10c for all kept. \$5,000 to invest. Will also accept recent "face" stuff if cheap. A. M. TERRY, 26 So. 11th Ave., Mount Vernon, N. Y. [tf]

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Good U. S. Postage, Depts., Revenues and Match and Medicine on approval, at from 1/2 to 1/4 catalog. Reference please. SOUTHERN STAMP CO., P. O. Box 644, Norfolk, Va. [88&90]

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Twenty different French Colonials, 15c. 25 different Pictorials, 22c. 10 pictorials free with initial order. A. LEE, Rye, N. Y. [C5]

Send for my app. at 50%. Try me once and you will try me again. PAUL MATTHIAS, 328 Ash St., Hammond, Ind. [91]

Fine line of approvals at 50% and less. We pay postage both ways. GLENN STAMP CO., 1922 Semple Ave., St. Louis, Mo. [94]

Net approvals representing 60 to 80% discount against A1 References. Many real live bargains. E. A. MOSELEY, Bloomfield, Mo. [tf]

\$1 Foreign Exch. to applicants for my 50% app. Ref. req. J. H. PRESTON & CO., So. Hadley, Mass. [tf]

Current stamps from Africa, Australia (Kangaroo) C. & S. America, Europe (Russian Portrait) Asia, well mixed 10c per 100, very fine 50c per 100, good approvals 1/2c and 1c. E. O. ALLEN, 2605 Crocker St., Houston, Tex. [tf]

Send for my half cent, one and two cent approvals. Higher priced ones if requested. BROPHY, Box 602, Kenilworth, Ill. [88]

On Approval at net cut-rate prices. A series of used and unused postage stamps in fine condition only. Reference required. What do you need? Price list of Parcel Post dues, in singles, strips and blocks, sent on request. W. F. SLUSSER, (A. P. S. 4058), Key West, Fla. [tf]

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Do you know a good thing when you see it? British Colonials on approval. Nuff said. S. L. SHOLLEY STAMP CO., 3868 Thomas Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn. [tf]

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This Week's Bargains.

1906 Cuba 50c blue and black, Cat. .25 .10
1884 Mexico 2p blue, unused, " .40 .15
1892 Chile 1p brown and black, " .15 .05

Postage extra. Approvals containing good clean stamps at 50c per cent. Reference please. D. A. VAN OORT, Holland, Mich. [88]

1/2 cash and 1/2 exchange given for certain U. S. stamps. List for 2c stamp. A. W. DUNNING, Brookline, Mass. [88]

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110 stamps 3c. Harold Oyen, La Crosse, Wis. [tf]

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U. S. 1902, 50c (310) fine .08; \$1.10 (311) fine, .18
Net Approvals. Good, clean assortment. Ref. J. HARRY RAYMOND, Dover, Del. [tf]

Free stamp catalog \$1 to applicants for 50% app. sheets. WILLIAM Sisson, Dealer in U. S. and Foreign Postage Stamps, Upper Front St., Binghamton, N. Y. [tf]

Old checks stamped with 2c Express instead of 2c Bank Check, 10 cents each. BEST STAMP COMPANY, Akron, Ohio. [tf]

R. E. Scheerer, Pottsville, Pa., gives 100 diff. foreign or 6 diff. U. S. with app. for sheets.

Get in the swim! Join the S. P. A. Costs little. Blank free. C. V. WEBB, Sec., D. 4, Perry, O. [tf]

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Sonora, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c, unused, per set, 18c. Complete sheets of 10 stamps, same rate (1.80). The 2c sheet alone catalogs \$7.00 in Yvert. Tellier. A. C. ROESSLER, Newark, N. J. [tf]

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—There is a letter at this office for C. P. M. Rumford. Please send address to this office. Our list is arranged by states, cities, towns and mailing routes—not alphabetically.

—Albert H. Young, Box 1325, New Haven, Conn., will be pleased to dispose of Vols. 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the *Philatelic Era* to any stamp club or society library, the only condition being that express charges shall be paid upon the same. The dates are from September 30, 1899, to September 19, 1903.

—"Last night on the street car home, the man sitting next to me, whom I know only slightly, saw me buried in the new MEKEEL'S and now I am asking you to send the 10 weeks' trial offer, covering the Exhibition period, to . . . He was once a "boy collector" and he has a boy thirteen years old, who is restless and needs something to keep him in the house evenings. What can be better for him than a collection of stamps? It was good enough for a lot of us old boys and is the only hobby that furnishes me with real rest, after a strenuous week on the road.

Free 20 foreign for order with Refs. for sheets. SUNSET STAMP CO., San Antonio, Tex. [tf]

1000 hinges free to applicants for my low priced net app. I pay postage both ways. Ref. J. W. DURGIN, St. Johnsbury, Vt. [tf]

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Free a stamp cataloging 30c to applicants for my approvals at 60% discount. A 1 reference required. WM. CLOUSE, 1275 Woodland Av., Canton, Ohio. [88]

Nicaragua No. 176, No. 176c unused, cat. 1.00 only 17c
Transvaal No. 149, No. 150, unused, cat. 1.75 only 35c
JOHN M. LONG, Watertown, N. Y. [tf]

"Nothing Doing" at 60, 70, 80, or 90% disc. Burt McCann, 321 No. Newton, Minneapolis, Minn. [tf]

Pkg. of stamps cat. \$4, for 25c. No duplicates. Lon McQuitty, 2029 Denver, Muskogee, Okla. [tf]

U. S. Part Perforates.

5c Sherman No. 3 lists \$2.00, my price \$1.25
3c 1910 U. S. Auto No. 1, lists \$1.75 " 1.00
4c 1910 " " No. 1, " 2.00 " 1.25

Other varieties, same percentage of list price, write if interested. R. J. WAGNER, 480 No. Main St., Fostoria, Ohio. [tf]

Exchange—with collectors in U. S.—send your duplicates and want list and receive appl. books, 19 and 20th Century (up to 6 copies). FORDHAM STAMP EXCHANGE, Fordham, N. Y. [tf]

A Crescent Bargain—4000 all diff. mint and postally used stamps. Over 2000 of this collection mounted in three new Nonpareil Albums. Not a spot or smudge on any leaf. First P. O. Money Order for \$50.00 gets this collection. Add the cost of three new Nonpareil albums at \$3.50 each to a 4000 all diff. collection offered by any other dealer and see what this offer means. It is \$10.00 lower than the lowest. CRESCENT CITY STAMP CO., Evansville, Indiana. [tf]

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Duplicates bought. What have you to sell? Send on app. Frederick, Belmont Circle, Trenton, N. J. [tf]

Back again! wholesale offers wanted. HARRY C. BRADLEY, Dorchester Center, Mass. [tf]

Free! 1000 hinges to applicants for our fine approvals at 50% discount from Scott's Cat. MICHIGAN STAMP CO., 1330 Wealthy St., Grand Rapids, Mich. [tf]

Free! Set Austrian Jubilee stamps 15 var., cat. 38c, with request for 50 and 60% or 1/2, 1, 2c approvals. Give reference. My imported Brit. and French Colonials will surprise you. Try 100 Brit. 35c or 50 French 40c. PAUL W. RIEDELL, Schenectady, N. Y. [tf]

U. S. Off. Seal, black, mint block 4 .27
" 1872, P. O. green seal .22
" 1890, 90c orange .45
" 1895, \$1.00 black .37
" 1898, 50c green, Omaha .37
" 1902, \$1.00 black each .23, per 10 2.00
" 1895 or '02, 50c orange each .09, per 10 .75
" '07, Jamestown sets, 3 va. per 10 .55, per 100 5.25
Nfld. Cabot 3c mint, each .06, per 10 .55
" 4c " " .06, per 10 .55
" 5c " " .08, per 10 .70
" 1898, 2c mint, each .03, per 100 3.00
L. B. CORNWELL 556 W. 140th St., N. Y. [tf]

Perhaps I may yet get into the Boosters' Club?"—ROY S. BARKER.

—"Of course the demand for good U. S. is stronger than ever. I also find that there is an increasing demand for early British Colonies, not so much the de La Rue issues, as the early Perkins Bacon issues; in fact the bulk of our sales has been in these issues, with a normal demand for Europeans, and very little for South Americans. Everything points to a most active season in United States and English Colonials."—JOHN A. KLEMAN (Nassau Stamp Co.), N. Y. City.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from F. L. Stolz, Ernst Boeschel (2), Wm. C. Michaels, Herman W. Boers and George W. Schaefer.

—T. Russell Hungerford of Washington, D. C., was a recent caller at the WEEKLY office.

—Herman W. Boers submits what seems to be one of the first of the precancelled stamps under the latest Burleson order. It is a 2c New York. We shall not be able to chronicle the output of these stamps as so many types and varieties will be issued.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Rochester Philatelic Association was held Sept. 24th. It was voted the Society affiliate with the A. P. S. W. J. Morley exhibited two volumes of his collection comprising the Asiatic section. F. C. Allen showed a section of his general collection and L. L. Albright a collection showing an original and inexpensive way of mounting one's stamps. Next meeting fourth Wednesday in October.

What Books Do You Need?

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

BERGEDORF.

The following interesting letter is self explanatory:—
My dear Mr. Poole:

Surely no reader of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY has enjoyed more than I, your excellent article on the stamps of Berge-dorf; and as I feel sure that the article will be reprinted in pamphlet form for easy reference, will you allow me to furnish a few corrections, which I trust you will accept in the spirit in which they are made, viz.: in the interest of Philately, whose ardent followers we both are. It is true, I was a mere boy at the time the stamps of Berge-dorf were issued, still as the P. O. was on the ground floor of the house my father occupied with his family, I was in and out of the office whenever out of school, helping in a boyish way and very much interested in everything that went on there, and even in those days I was a stamp collector. In fact when my father went to Hamburg to see Mr. Fuchs to confer about stamps for Berge-dorf, he took with him my collection (stamps pasted flat in a copy book no printed albums then) to discuss designs and colors. I remember distinctly telling him to beware of such stamps as the then current 1kr Austria, which under artificial light could hardly be distinguished.

I pass over your description of how Berge-dorf became finally the property of Lubeck and Hamburg jointly, for to go into a description like I find in a Chronicle of Berge-dorf, issued there in 1894 and a copy of which is before me, would be taking too much time and space, and I will come at once to the postal history as I find it recorded there and of part of which I have personal knowledge.

The Counts of Thurn and Taxis, who held the postal privilege in Germany for centuries, tried to open a P. O. there in 1788, but it was discontinued almost at once, as it had been established without the consent of the Senates of Lubeck and Hamburg. In 1838 a Prussian P. O. was established there with my father as postmaster, he being sent there by the Prussian Minister of Posts, which lasted until March 31st, 1847; Prussia having notified the authorities that it desired to terminate its contract. The completion of the railway from Hamburg to Berlin doing away with the necessity to convey as heretofore the mails by postchaise. On April 1st, 1847, the P. O. was opened under the auspices of the Government of the two cities L. and H., and remained in that way until December 31st, 1867, when in its place, it became a part of the North German Postal Confederation and finally, in 1870, part of the Imperial German Post.

I have not with me the article written by me in the *Virginia Philatelist*, but think I explained in it how Berge-dorf was governed by a delegation of the Senates of both Lubeck and Hamburg, called in Berge-dorf the "Visitation" to whom, in the week which they spent each summer in Berge-dorf, all matters were referred to for adjustment, constituting as it were a court of last resort, so the report you mentioned as being made in 1859 was to them and nothing further was done that year, than to order the preparation of stamps for selection and one sheet of each value was struck off. In 1860 the visitation did nothing further about the adoption of stamps for Berge-dorf, but when they were there again during the summer of 1861, it was ordered that stamps should be issued, but the colors of the half and the three schilling did not please them and they were ordered to be printed in the colors as described in the order of October, 17th, 1861.

In urging the issuing of stamps and to show how they would appear when on letters, there were cut from each of

the five sheets printed, a block of six and each block pasted on a large sheet of blank paper, and I think the original block of six of the half schilling is now in the Postal Museum in Berlin. Those found in Lubeck's archives are evidently a similar set probably furnished by my father to the Lubeck delegates in 1860, and I have no doubt if Hamburg's archives were searched, a like find would be made there. The time from mid-summer 1861 to November 1st, 1861, was necessary to have the stamps printed, for I am sure that up to that time only one sheet of each denomination had been furnished to my father by Mr. Fuchs in Hamburg, who had the contract to lithograph the stamps.

You judge from the wording of the last paragraph in the report of 1859, that there must have been a Danish P. O. in Berge-dorf, but there never was. Danish stamps of the value of four skilling (Scott's 7 and 9) had been sold at the Berge-dorf P. O. for a number of years for the reason that Denmark, recognizing the usefulness of having mail matter prepaid by stamps, made a difference in the rates of prepaid by stamps and prepaid in cash or unpaid letters, for while a letter from Berge-dorf to the Duchies of Schleswig, Holstein and Lanenburg (not Luxemburg as you have it, and Oldenburg must also be a mistake as that never belonged to Denmark) then under Danish Dominion as well as Denmark proper, when prepaid by stamps cost only 1¼ schilling currency, if prepaid in money or sent unpaid cost two schillings. The stamps were furnished by the Royal Danish P. O. in Hamburg.

I see that you have the signature of my father misplaced under the decree of October 17th, 1861. Nothing should be after the (signed) Paalzow. There was no Imperial Post in existence at that time so he could not well have been a Director of Post. It belongs, however, under the letter to Mr. Moens, March 29, 1873, for then he was Director of Imp. Post and former Postmaster of the L. H. office in Berge-dorf.

Another misprint is in naming the Vierlande. You enumerate, Neuengamm, Altengamm which should both be spelled without r, viz.: Neuengamm, Altengamm.

Then you speak about the issuance of stamps in Lubeck and Hamburg, January 1st, 1859, and continue that, "shortly after these labels appeared letters posted in the Berge-dorf district were required to be prepaid with Hamburg stamps." This is incorrect, for while it is a fact that a very few Hamburg stamps have been used in Berge-dorf at that time, their use was never officially sanctioned and there was no requirement for even prepayment of any correspondence.

Having explained how all matters concerning Berge-dorf were settled by the "Visitation" throws light upon the last paragraph of my father's letter to Mr. Moens. As your translation reads: "The pourparlers and discussions were never exchanged directly between the Berge-dorf authorities and myself, and were mostly carried on verbally, which shows that there can be no documents on this subject." To make it clear there should be added after exchanged "in writing" and after myself instead of "and" should be "but," for it is a fact that all conferences on the subject of issuing stamps were only held during the time the "Visitation" was in Berge-dorf.

Your mention of the fact that the obliterating stamp was also acquired by Mr. Moens leads me to add one little piece of information, which may be of use to some one who has Berge-dorf stamps cancelled in the following manner and which perhaps have been thrown

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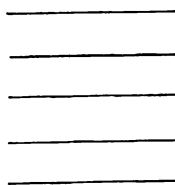
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straight lines, but by small squares. This explains such cancellation and should give a stamp so obliterated a good philatelic standing. Again assuring you that all the foregoing has not been written in a censorious spirit, but with the sincere desire to throw as much light as possible upon the subject treated and to bury forever the claim of the essays of the half schilling black on violet and the three schilling black on rose as legitimate postage stamps, for they were never issued as such.

Very sincerely yours,
JOHN PAALZOW.

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The introduction of foreign offices in Turkey was necessitated by the notorious inefficiency and unreliability of the Turkish post office. In the early days when these offices were opened, they were, without doubt, an absolute necessity; but it must not be assumed that their necessity today is so very apparent—it is now more a matter of ancient custom. For the last few years the Turkish post-office has been under the administration of Belgian officials, who certainly deserve all praise for the reformation that they have achieved. The loss of revenue to the Sublime Porte, through the foreign post offices, must be great, and one can quite understand that Turkey is anxious to see an end to their activity.

For some time past the Turkish Government has pleaded for the abolition of these offices, or if that cannot be accomplished, they urge that, at least, all the foreign countries possessing offices should amalgamate and have one joint international office. Had it not been for the war, it can safely be assumed that these offices would, in the near future have been abolished, but now it is not such a positive fact one way or the other, and the problem cannot be discussed until after the complete cessation of hostilities. A significant fact showing that the foreign offices were not all necessary was furnished by Italy, who closed her Turkish offices in Turkey last year. Of course the Turco-Italian War was, to a great extent, answerable for this proceeding, but we doubt if, under ordinary circum-

stances, Italy will find it necessary to re-open her office in the Ottoman Empire—or in what remnant may remain of the Ottoman territory in Europe.

We will now proceed to briefly describe the Foreign post offices in Turkey; their dates of foundation, the towns at which the Powers established offices, and where necessary a short survey of the stamps employed in such offices.

1. *The Austrian Post-Office.* From a trustworthy source we learn that Austria had a post office in operation in Turkey as early as 1748, with Constantinople as its centre, and subordinate offices at Salonica, Smyrna, and, we believe, one or two other towns. The Austrian offices sprang up and increased by leaps and bounds, so that about the middle of the last Century, she had offices in practically every important town in Turkey, and in addition in Asia Minor and the Balkans.

The first postage stamps used in connection with these Levant offices were the current 1867 stamps, containing the "Soldi" as denomination. This issue was superseded in 1883 by the Eagle design—also with the values in "Soldis." Later current Austrians were employed with the overprint in PARA and PI-ASTRE currency together with the values.

Below we give in tabulated form a list of the towns in which the 26 Austrian post offices are—or have been at various times—opened.

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Since the year 1909, the offices at several of these towns have been closed, as the Turkish and Austrian Governments in that year made an agreement, in which it was stated; that in all towns where Austria was the only Foreign Power to have an office open, such office should be closed.

Austria was the first Power to enjoy special postal privileges in Turkey (1748), and was followed by Russia (1783), France (1812), Great Britain (1832), Greece (1834), Egypt (1866), Germany (1870), and Italy (1873).

II. The Russian Office (established 1783). The first stamps used were in 1865, when the "Steamship" labels were put on sale, comprising two values—10 paras and 2 piastres. It was in 1868 that the first Russian postage stamps were used in the Levant, whilst not until 1900 was the para and piastre overprint resorted to—an overprint which has come to be associated with foreign stamps used in Turkey.

Below we list the names of the 17 towns, at one time or another, using Russian stamps upon portions of their correspondence:—

*Beirut	Ordu
*Chios	*Kerassunde
*Constantinople	*Rizeh
*Dardanelles	*Salonica
*Ineboli	Samsun
*Jaffa	*Smyrna
*Jerusalem	Sinope
*Mount Athos	*Trebizonde
*Meteline	

In the year 1909, a special commemorative issue was produced, upon which the names of 12 of the above towns were overprinted, for use in the town upon which the name was overprinted. For each town the following values were overprinted: 5, 10, 20 paras, 1, 5, 7, 10, 35 and 70 piastres. The towns marked * in the above list had their "special town issue."

III. The French Office (established 1812). The first French stamps were used in 1885, the adhesives being the current "Peace and Commerce" type with the value (piastres) overprint. In 1903, the overprint LEVANT was brought into use, whilst in 1905, Beirut was the proud possessor of a 1 piastre stamp with its name also appearing on the overprint. Incidentally it is interesting to note that there is an error of this overprint reading "1 Piasste"—an error by no means easy to find. The following are the names of the 19 towns where France has had Levant Offices.

Alexandretta.	Mersina.
Beirut.	Meteline.
*Cavalla.	*Port Lagos.
*Constantinople.	Salonica.
Dardanelles.	Samsun.
*Dedeagh.	Smyrna.
Galata.	Stamboul.
Jaffa.	Trebizonde.
Kerassunde.	*Vathy.
Latakia.	

Towns marked * were most steamship Agency offices than real established post offices.

It should also be noted that Galata, Stamboul, and Pera are, strictly speaking, Constantinople.

IV. The British Office (established 1832). The British Post Office never showed any pronounced inclination to open Levant offices, and this fact is

easily proved, as she only opened four agencies all told—at:

Beirut.	Salonica.
Constantinople.	Smyrna.

The specially overprinted "Para and Piastre" British adhesives were first on sale in 1885. In 1905, an overprinted LEVANT set was issued. There is nothing much to comment upon, either as regards the British Agency or its stamps.

V. The Greek Office (established 1834). We have no definite information available as regards this Agency, nor do we know at which towns post offices were opened. Current unsurcharged Greek stamps were employed, which can only be detected by the postmarks and cancellations. Subsequently the Greek Agency was suppressed, and no office now exists.

VI. The Egyptian Office (established 1866). The Egyptian post offices in Turkey have an extra special interest, as this is the only case of a non-European foreign office in the Ottoman Empire. The offices were opened in 1866, and current unsurcharged Egyptian stamps were employed. The business done was not at any time very great, excepting around the year 1870, when it appears that the offices flourished—more especially those at Constantinople and Meteline.

Offices were established at the under-mentioned places:

Beirut.	Meteline.
Chios.	Salonica.
Constantinople.	Smyrna.

and, we believe, two other towns.

This Agency was closed in the late seventies or early eighties. All stamps used in Turkey bear the name of the town of origin upon the circular postmark.

VII. The German Office (established in 1870). In 1884 the current stamps of the Fatherland for use in Turkey were overprinted with the customary "parapiastre" denominations. As is the case with most of the stamps of foreign Agencies, there is nothing of much special interest among the adhesives themselves, excepting, perhaps, the 1905 set (10 paras—25 piastres) with Latin overprint, which were never issued; but which, nevertheless, fetch about £9 or £10 the set.

German offices were opened at the following towns:—

Beirut	Jaffa
Constantinople	Jerusalem
[Galata, Stamboul,	Salonica
Pera]	Smyrna

VIII. The Italian Office (established 1873). The Italian post offices were opened in Turkey some time in the early seventies, and presumably the ESTERO (foreign) adhesives were employed; the postmark being the only guide to show where they had been in circulation. After some years the Italian offices were all closed, and it was not until 1901-02 that Italy again opened offices in Albania, and in a few Turkish towns in 1908. The Albanian series were overprinted ALBANIA, with the values in the Levant currency.

Italy possessed the following offices:—

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Bruce V. Jenkins.—We heard just too late for announcement in the preceding number of the death of Bruce V. Jenkins, Baltimore, Maryland. As Mr. Jenkins' number in the American Philatelic Society was 43, he must have joined the A. P. S. some little time before the summer of 1888, when we, with 65 as our number, made application. Mr. Jenkins died September 19th, 1913, and for some years had not been in robust health. While known personally to comparatively few of his brother philatelists, Mr. Jenkins as a stamp handler and a liberal patron of the sales departments of societies of which he was a member became prominently identified with philately. Mr. Jenkins was a painstaking philatelist who was devotedly attached to stamps, which, we surmise, gave him many hours of congenial employment. Moreover, he had established a record for courteous and honorable treatment that will be remembered in philately. While Mr. Jenkins was around forty years of age, we believe, he had been connected with philately for so many years that it would be natural to suppose that he was older.

Thirty-One Years Ago.—Mr. G. A. Hunt, Woburn, Mass., has been delving into the past as reflected in a Durbin's priced catalogue, ninth edition, published in 1882. Naturally, he finds the comparison of prices of those days and of the present a somewhat startling compilation. Mr. Hunt says that the highest priced stamp in the catalogue was the Bolivia, 500 centavos black, eleven stars, quoted at \$10, a mere bagatelle, comparatively speaking, for a stamp to-day. Perforation varieties and even watermarks were ignored in this catalogue but in this connection, it must be added that the publishers of this catalogue were the first to include watermarks in a large popular catalogue in this country; they adopted the innovation about 1890. The five and ten cent, 1847, were priced, for the two stamps, one dollar new and fifty cents used. The complete set of the 1857 issue, one to ninety cents unused was offered for two dollars and the unused ninety-cent, 1869, at the same figure, while in used condition, one dollar was the price given. The complete set of Executive was \$1.25 unused and the Justice set complete was quoted at \$3.50. Scores upon scores of stamps

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Postmark Advertising.—The correspondent whom we have quoted in the foregoing paragraph names the special postmark used at the post office in the Centennial at Philadelphia 1876 as the first of the postmarks of the kind. The next one, we happen to know appeared late in the '70's, when a large theatrical troupe made a somewhat historic run across the continent on a special train that included a mail-car on which the distinctive postmark was used. The Chicago, 1893, World's Fair Station postmark many of us remember as it was customary for some of us to send our mail through the Fair office so that correspondents might see the novel postmark. We have resurrected three different varieties of the World's Fair postmark, in the wording of one of which, Chicago is omitted, the form being simply: "World's Fair Station, Oct. 23, 12-30 A., 1893." By the time of the late '90's, the special postmarks had become rather common, as in 1899, the Pan-American "Exposition," Buffalo, 1901, had already begun to be advertised on the Buffalo postmark.

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AFTER CONFEDERATE STAMPS.

(This clipping is from the Atlanta (Ga.) Journal of Sept. 18 and gives some of the experiences of Wm. F. Cornell, a well-known Detroit collector, while hunting for Confederates in the south-land.—Ed.)

William F. Cornell, a member of the American Philatelic Society and well known as collector of Confederate relics, was in the city for several days during this week and last week, much of the time being spent in search of the Atlanta provisional Confederate stamp.

This stamp, which was used only during 1861, is very valuable; and Mr. Cornell was delighted that he was able to secure one. He found one in the possession of Mrs. Adams, at 996 Piedmont avenue, and added it to his already fine collection.

The 1861 provisional stamp was superseded by the regular issue of Confederate stamps bearing Jefferson Davis' photograph.

"All of the provisional stamps are rare," said Mr. Cornell, "and are worth from \$2 to \$100 each, while a few are valued much higher. I have recently secured fine copies of the New Orleans, Mobile, Memphis, Petersburg, Wetumpka, Jackson, Montgomery, Haynesville and Atlanta locals."

Mr. Cornell's home is in Detroit, Mich. He is making a tour of the south on business and for the purpose of adding to his Confederate collection. From Atlanta he went to Birmingham Tuesday night.

"If the people in the south who have correspondence carried on during the war, would look through their garrets and old trunks and chests, they would bring to light many rare stamps for which there is a good market. The stamps should be left on the entire envelope, as they are more valuable that way than when removed."

Mr. Cornell, while in Richmond, Va., came across the letters exchanged in a war-time wooing; and was able to secure thirty-one envelopes and stamps.

In Roanoke he went through 200 war-time letters.

His collection of Confederate autographs, manuscripts, documents and papers is very interesting. He has a letter from Jefferson Davis, written just before the noted leader's death, giving him the address of Mr. Memminger.

He secured General Longstreet's autograph in a rather humorous manner. In response to his request for an autograph, the old general wrote: "I never give my autograph to anybody. Very truly yours, James Longstreet." Despite its crustiness, the letter delighted the collector, for its signature furnished the autograph he was seeking.

One of Mr. Cornell's latest finds is a rare document of 1863, signed by General Walker, General Early and Stonewall Jackson.

He has also the autographs of Robert E. Lee, Joseph E. Johnston, Fitzhugh Lee, Robert Toombs, Alexander H. Stephens, Raphael Semmes, and, among other things, possesses many slave leases by the railroads. He has also Confederate Officers' pay vouchers and other interesting reminders of the soldiers in gray.

In addition to Confederate autographs, Mr. Cornell's collection includes those of all the presidents of the United States and of many literary celebrities, Paul Hamilton Hayne, Henry W. Grady and Charles Egbert Craddock being among them.

Mr. Cornell is now looking for a Confederate half dollar which, he says, is very rare.

"It is not generally known," said the collector, "that the Confederate States issued a half dollar, which is exceedingly rare. I have seen only one, but I understand another is owned by an Atlantan."

THE LATEST MEXICAN PROVISIONAL.

Roy T. Cook submits a specimen copy of the latest Mexican creation. It is a 2c of the same design as the 10c described in our issue of Sept. 27. The color is blue. Mr. Cook states that the provisional came on a post card with the regular 2c Mexico. We are unable to decipher the postmark. We shall be glad to receive further information concerning this set of provisionals.

Later.—As we go to press we receive from Charles T. Skains an additional 5c value in light brown color and we quote from his interesting letter as follows:—

"I believe that I can give you a little more information in regard to the Mexican stamp that you chronicle in the issue of Sept. 27, and I am herewith enclosing the 2, 5, 10c all in the design of the 10c as described by Mr. Wright.

These stamps are not used as regular postage. I am a railway postal clerk and have seen quite a number of these stamps on mail in transit but never without full postage of the current issue of Mexico on the same cover. I am at a loss to account for the purpose of these stamps as in all cases that I have seen, regular postage to the proper amount was attached to the mail.

The postmark on the 2c is very distinct and the mail that I have usually found these stamps on came into Texas through Brownsville or Laredo.

I am of the opinion that the cover mentioned by Mr. Wright originally had regular postage on same and that same had been lost or removed from the cover as I have handled hundreds of letters with these stamps attached but never without regular postage."

THE COLLECTING OF PROOFS.

EDITOR SCOTT in Metropolitan.

Many of our readers have commented on the growing popularity of India proof stamps and as usual commence to buy as the stock is exhausted and prices advanced. The rarity of proofs to ordinary stamps is as one to a million and yet in many cases they sell cheaper than ordinary unused stamps. For instance, a set of 1861 3 U. S. sells unused \$45.10, used \$9.11, proofs \$2.50. The proofs are the first printings from the plates and are exactly as the engravers intended them to be. The unused are beautiful but not as fine as the proofs while the used are more or less disfigured by the cancellation. As philatelic knowledge and taste increases the demand for proofs advances. Amateurs now give the closest attention to minor details, flaws in the plates, "shifts," that is, double impressions on the transfer rolls; to find all these is practically impossible from the stamps, and even if a collector had succeeded in securing the entire lot he would never know it without the aid of a sheet of proofs. Then all can be found, the peculiarities noted and no time wasted in looking for things which do not exist. The Government has kindly consented to exhibit entire sheets of some rare U. S. stamps at the great fair to be held in New York during the last week in October, these will undoubtedly receive the careful scrutiny of the host of eminent philatelists who will haunt the building from the opening day to the closing hour. Amateurs who have traveled thousands of miles to view the grand aggregation of stamps are not likely to miss anything. Another thing that has greatly lessened the stock of proofs was the habit of early collectors to use them as "space fillers," a practice greatly deplored by all thinking amateurs, as it has greatly depleted the available stock for those who study stamps. Proof collecting is sure to advance in popularity

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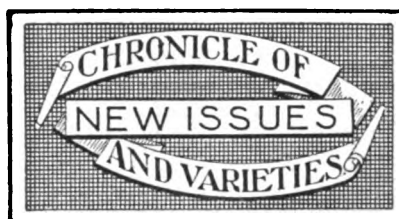
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ALBANIA.—The Provisional Government of Albania has reissued the Turkish stamps of 1909-10, overprinted with a large double-headed eagle, and the word "Shqipenie" the native for "Albania." This overprint is found on the 5pa, 10pa, 20pa, 2pi and 5pi of the interior set, and on the 10pa and 1pi of the set with the Turkish character overprinted for foreign use. The Albanian surcharge is found both normal and inverted. *Lemaire's Journal*, from which we translate the above information, says that the number of stamps issued is very small, and therefore they are likely to become exceedingly rare.

ARGENTINE.—Jos. Trauner has shown us the current 2c Argentine, surcharged "M. G." for the use of the War Department. These surcharges were all described in No. 1175, but are just beginning to appear in this country.

BELGIUM.—*Lemaire's Journal* reports that the current 25c stamp has been issued in a darker shade of ink, with the name of the engraver omitted.

BOLIVIA.—*Lemaire's Journal* illustrates four values of the new set just issued in Bolivia, but gives no particulars as to colors. They resemble somewhat the 1906 set of Haiti, the central designs being different on all nine values from 1c to 5b, mostly local scenes.

CHINA.—Frank B. Eldredge shows another value in the new Republic set, the design being the same as the 1c chronicled in No. 1185.

Adhesive.

3c blue green.

GREECE.—According to *Lemaire's Journal*, the 2 lepta pink has been lithographed like the 1, 5, 10, and 25 lepta previously noted. To signalize the definite turning over of the possession of Cavale to the Greek Government by Bulgaria, the former has surcharged certain Bulgarian stamps, with two Greek words signifying Greek Administration, and new values in Greek money. All sur-

charges are in red, except that the 50 lepta is found in both blue and red. The number surcharged of each value was very small, running from 10 of the 1 drachme to 700 of the 25 lepta.

Provisional Adhesives.

"5 lepta" on 1s myrtle green.
"10 lepta" on 15s brown bistre and black.
"10 lepta" on 25s ultramarine and black.
"15 lepta" on 2s carmine and black.
"20 lepta" on 3s lake and black.
"25 lepta" on 5s green and black.
"50 lepta" on 10s deep red and black.
"1 drachm" on 15s brown bistre and black.
"1 drachm" on 30s blue and black.

HONDURAS.—Another value has been added to the home-made lithographed series now being issued in Honduras, a used specimen having been shown us by Dr. Roy F. DeSart. The design is entirely different from that of the 5c chronicled in No. 1188, but the inscriptions are the same, with the exception of the necessary change in value. Curiously enough, the colors of the two stamps are almost identical. The portrait is different, and the figures of value are arranged in small shields at the sides, the portrait being in a large colorless shield covering nearly the whole stamp.

Adhesive.

10c blue.

INDIA.—*Kishengarh.*—A correspondent writes to the *Philatelic Journal of India*, with regard to the new ¼a stamp, as follows:—

"It appears to have had a brief existence, barely three months, for now we see a fresh drawing of the same in blue and in a larger size, and with the same inscription in thicker and bolder characters. The new sheets contain five parallel rows of four stamps each, giving a total of 20 stamps for the sheet. The paper is thick wove with a smooth and bright chalky surface. The stamps are rouletted.

"There have apparently been two different drawings of this issue, as the subjoined particulars will show. Every sheet of the first printing, which I may call plate I., bears the initials in the same colour as the stamps of D. S. W. K. C. These evidently stand for the printer and the name of his establishment, as the last two letters are a little detached. In the sheets of this printing, every sixteenth stamp has the 'Quarter' for 'Quarter' and the eighteenth stamp has a full stop after 'State.'

"In the second printing (plate II.) although the size of the sheet is the same, the above initials do not appear. The errors characterising the sixteenth and eighteenth stamps have not undergone any change or correction, but the nineteenth stamp has developed a new variety, for the word Revenue has been lithographed REVENUE with a distinct gap or spacing before the UE. In a few sheets, I noticed only the final letter e separated, thus REVENUE."

JAPAN.—*Offices in China.*—Frank B. Eldredge shows us the new 1½s and 3s,

surcharged with the usual characters for use in China.

MEXICO.—In No. 1187, we chronicled the first of a series of Provisional stamps used by the Constitutional Army. W. W. McCartney now shows us another value, the previous description answering for this also, except color and value. Mr. McCartney reports that there was no other stamp on the envelope when received in New Haven.

Provisional Adhesive.

2c pale purple.

NETHERLANDS.—*Lemaire's Journal* announces the immediate issue of a series of stamps to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the Independence of the Netherlands. The series will bear portraits of William I, William II, William III and Wilhelmina. There will be 12 values from 2½c to 10g.

A new value has been added to the postage due series, like the issue of 1912 all in one color.

Postage Due Adhesive.

3c ultramarine.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke and others have kindly contributed to the following list of the "Cordoba" surcharges issued by Nicaragua to date:

Medio centavo on 3c Liberty.
Medio centavo on 15c Liberty.
Medio centavo on 1p Liberty.
Medio centavo on 2c Locomotive.
Un centavo on 3c Liberty.
Un centavo on 4c Liberty.
Un centavo on 50c Liberty.
Un centavo on 5p Liberty.
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Dos centavos on 35c Mountains.
Dos centavos on 2p Liberty.
Dos centavos on 25c Locomotive.
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Cinco centavos on 50c Locomotive.
Seis centavos on 1p Locomotive.
Diez centavos on 2p Locomotive.
Un peso on 5p Locomotive.

Hermann Focke also writes thus entertainingly regarding the new Cordoba surcharges:

"It is almost an imposition to use any more space in the WEEKLY on matters pertaining to the Nicaragua surcharges. Still there are said to be several specialists in this country, who are interested in them and it may be in their interest to once more refer to them in a few words. In No. 1187 you announce, on authority of Mr. Dunning, the three new varieties of the ½ctvo surcharges on 3c and 15c Liberty in red and on the 3c Engine in black, but you fail to observe that the type used in this instance is entirely different from that used for the first provisional of ½ctvo on 1 peso Liberty. The type of 'medio centavo de cordoba' is now much finer, and the '1912' closer to the rest of the surcharge.

"In the first surcharge there occurs

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the difference in the letter 'v' in centavo, the same as on all other values, excepting the 1ctvo as this is spelled 'cent.'—which has now been corrected, and the same applies to the error 'VALB' for 'VALE', which only occurred on the ½c on 1 peso and the dos (2) centavos on 2 pesos Liberty."

Mr. Focke also encloses two blocks of four of the 6 centavos on 1 peso Engine, "one of which serves to show the same varieties of the 'v' referred to above, and the other to show the two distinct types of 'seis', the heavier type appearing on the two last vertical rows of 10."

"Aside from these varieties the surcharges have so far been fairly uniform and free from 'errors', although there is a broken 'L' in 'VALE', also styled a 'short L' once on each sheet and every value; and in some cases, principally on the dos centavos on 2 pesos value, the entire word 'VALE' or part of it has failed to print, owing to carelessness of the printer; this so-called variety appears on the first stamp of the sheet.

"I hope that the future novelties will be as clean from voluntary errors as have been the 23 varieties so far received, or otherwise the specialists will no doubt give up in utter despair."

RHODESIA.—Whitfield King have shown us a specimen of the new ½d stamp issued by the British South Africa Company for Rhodesia. All the values, 18 in all are of the same design, which is one of the best yet issued in the Georgian sets. The portrait of the King represents him in a naval uniform, full face, and is one of the most satisfactory yet seen. The figures of value appear in the upper corners, with "British" between and "South Africa Company" just below. "Rhodesia" appears in a tablet at the bottom, the only ornamentation being at the end of the tablet. The design is very effective, the stamps being engraved and printed by Waterlow & Sons, Limited, on unwatermarked paper, and perforated 14.

Adhesives.

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2d gray and black.
2½d ultramarine.
3d bistre and black.
4d red orange and black.
5d green and black.
6d violet and black.
8d olive green and mauve.
10d red and blue.
15d blue green and black.
25d red brown and black.
25d 6d dull brown and blue.
35d blue and brown.
55d green and blue.
75d 6d black and purple.
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ST. HELENA.—J. A. Galbraith sends us specimens of the 1½d and 3d stamps chronicled in No. 1187.

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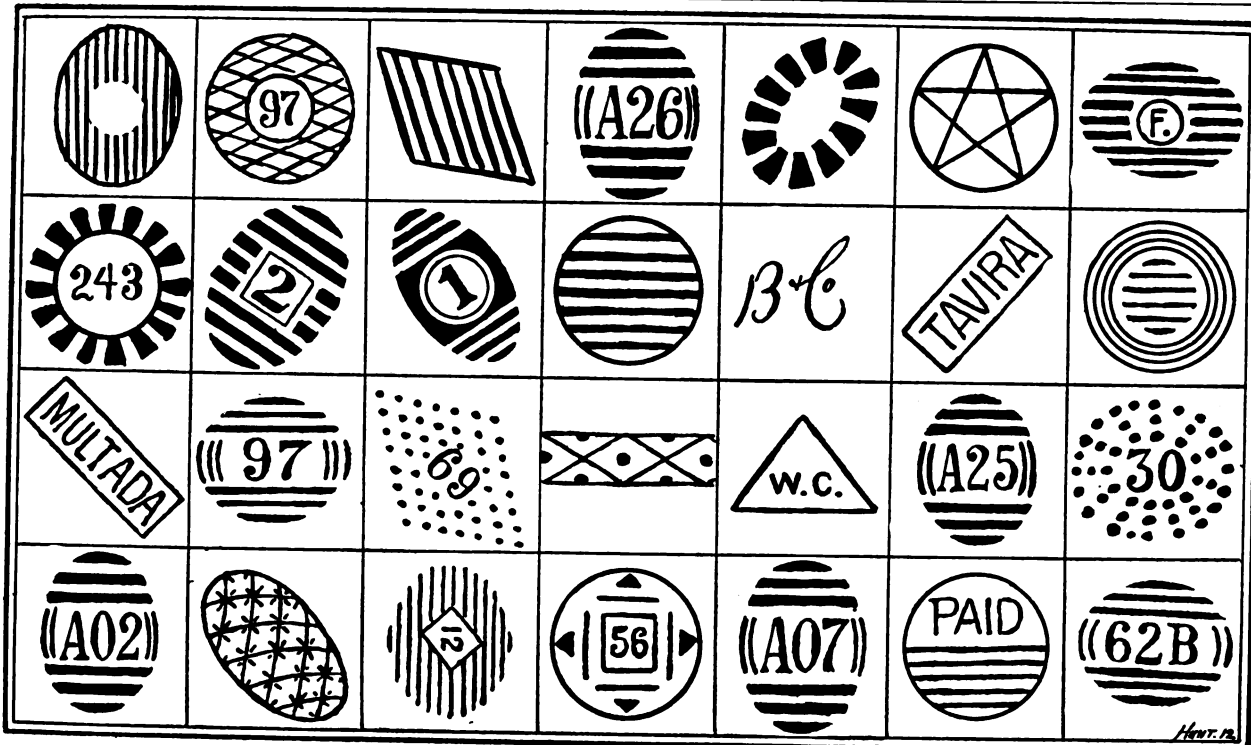
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The four entries were from Allen H. Blake, M. D., West Somerville, Mass.;

Frank C. Clark; J. Arthur Wainwright and Monroe Nash. Dr. Blake had all correct but two, while Messrs. Clark and Wainwright failed on four and Mr. Nash on six. We award Dr. Blake a 1914 cloth bound Scott catalog and the same will be mailed on the day of publication.

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1. Nova Scotia N. Brun. 2. Saxony.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE. Hamburg.

Hamburg, a seaport town in Germany, is the capital of the independent state of the same name and the most important seaport on the continent of Europe. It is situated on the right bank of the river Elbe, 75 miles above its outflow into the North Sea, and it is 178 miles by rail from Berlin.

On the site now occupied by this important city there were but a few scattered fishermen's cottages before the time of Charlemagne. Then a few merchants settled in the vicinity and by 808 the place had attained sufficient importance for Charlemagne to erect a fortified castle to protect his subjects from the depredations of the Normans and Danes. This castle, or "burg," took its name from the neighbouring forest of Hamme, and the original spelling of Hammeburg was, later, corrupted to Hamburg. About the middle of the ninth century the town, under Archbishop Ansgar, became the disseminator of Christianity throughout northern Europe. After frequent pillages and burnings from Northmen, Danes, and Slavs the town began to be frequented as a trade centre and by the end of the twelfth century it was not only prosperous but, though under the domination of the Duke of Holstein, practically independent. Towards the middle of the thirteenth century Hamburg was united to Bremen (to which the archiepiscopal see was transferred in 1223) and Lubeck in the formation of the Hanseatic league. This league or Hansa (from the old Teutonic word *hansen*=partnership) was an association of trading towns which had considerable political power until the sixteenth century. Most of the important seaports from London to Novgorod, in Russia, belonged to the league and their ships carried one common flag—that of the Hansa. In 1619 the Bank of Hamburg was founded and this imparted an enormous impulse to its commercial importance, and about the same time a number of English merchant adventurers and numerous Jews expelled from Spain and Portugal settled in the town. In the early years of the nineteenth century it experienced hard times being occupied by the Danes in 1801 and by the French in 1806. The latter, under Devout, treated the inhabitants very harshly and also seized the treasure of the Bank amounting to about seven million marks. A return to its old prosperity began with the fall of Napoleon and even the destructive fire of 1842, which burned nearly half the town, failed to have any serious drawback on its progress. In consequence of this disastrous fire Hamburg is a very modern town in appearance and most of its important public buildings and institutions date only from 1842. Among the more noteworthy of these are the churches of St. Michael, St. Peter, and St. Nicholas, the town hall, marine office or *See-warte*, the museums of fine art, arts and crafts, botany, and natural history, the commercial and municipal libraries (the latter of considerable value), the hygienic institute, and a fine hospital.

Hamburg occupies a distinguished place in the history of German literature and drama, having been the home of Lessing, Heine, Hageborn, Klopstock, Voss, Reimarus, Claudius, and Schrodter.

During the last century its population has increased tenfold, from 106,983 in 1811 to over a million at the present time—it is thus the second largest city in the German Empire.

During the second half of the nineteenth century Hamburg's trade developed in an extraordinary manner, this increasing from about a hundred

and fifty million dollars in 1851 to over twelve hundred million dollars in 1904. But this only represented its sea trade and in addition its rail and river borne trade with the interior of Germany increased to a proportionate extent during the same period. As further evidence of its prosperity we find that while in 1871 it owned 448 seagoing vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 214,280, in 1904 the port possessed 1009 seagoing vessels with a total tonnage of 1,256,640. It is the headquarters of the famous Hamburg-American line which owns one of the finest fleets of passenger steamships in the world.

The greater part of the harbour constitutes a free port, which was constructed in 1883-8 at an approximate cost of thirty-five million dollars. Its total area is 2570 acres, of which 1750 acres are land surface. The port is one of the chief points of embarkation for emigrants from the middle and east of Europe, the greater number of which proceed to the United States.

The industry of Hamburg is a long way inferior to its commerce, yet the town possesses large tobacco, chemical, india-rubber, and furniture factories, engineering works, shipbuilding yards, printing offices, breweries, distilleries, etc.

The State of Hamburg has an area of 160 square miles and a population just about equalling that of its capital, i. e. 900,000. Over ninety per cent. of its inhabitants are Evangelical Protestants. The State retains its ancient independence, the legislative power being vested in a Senate of eighteen members and a House of Burgesses numbering 160 members. The executive power is almost entirely in the hands of the Senate. The State has one vote in the Federal Council of the Empire and sends three members to the Imperial Diet.

(To be continued.)

LINN ON DISHONEST DISCOUNTS.

We cannot publish all the communications we receive in connection with our campaign against dishonest discounts, but the following from the Geo. W. Linn Co. we believe to be of general interest, and we quote from Mr. Linn's letter:—

"DEAR MR. WYLIE:—Your note in latest weekly regarding discounts is along the right line. I congratulate you on your intention. I really must say I didn't believe you had the nerve to make such a statement, let alone back it up. I say, put these dealers out of business. When a dealer says 50% or 60% discount, it should mean 50% or 60% off of Scott Catalog prices. And when this same dealer places any old prices on his stamps and sends them out to boys who own no catalog and don't know the difference, then that dealer is a crook.

A few years ago the A. P. S. on the Educational Committee of same through Iver R. Johnson of Chicago, started in with the intention of breaking up that business. Mr. Johnson through a boy in Chicago, secured through answering *American Boy* advertisements, selections from a dozen or more dealers who advertised regularly in the *American Boy*. Mr. Johnson told me that it was simply awful, the trash and prices placed on the stamps and sheets he read. It was his intention to publish the report or make it public at the Detroit Convention, I believe. But I suppose he found so much that would condemn several dealers who are A. P. S. members and are considered and classed as first rate dealers, that it was thought best to smother the report, and so far as I know I never saw anything further of it.

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COMMUNICATION.

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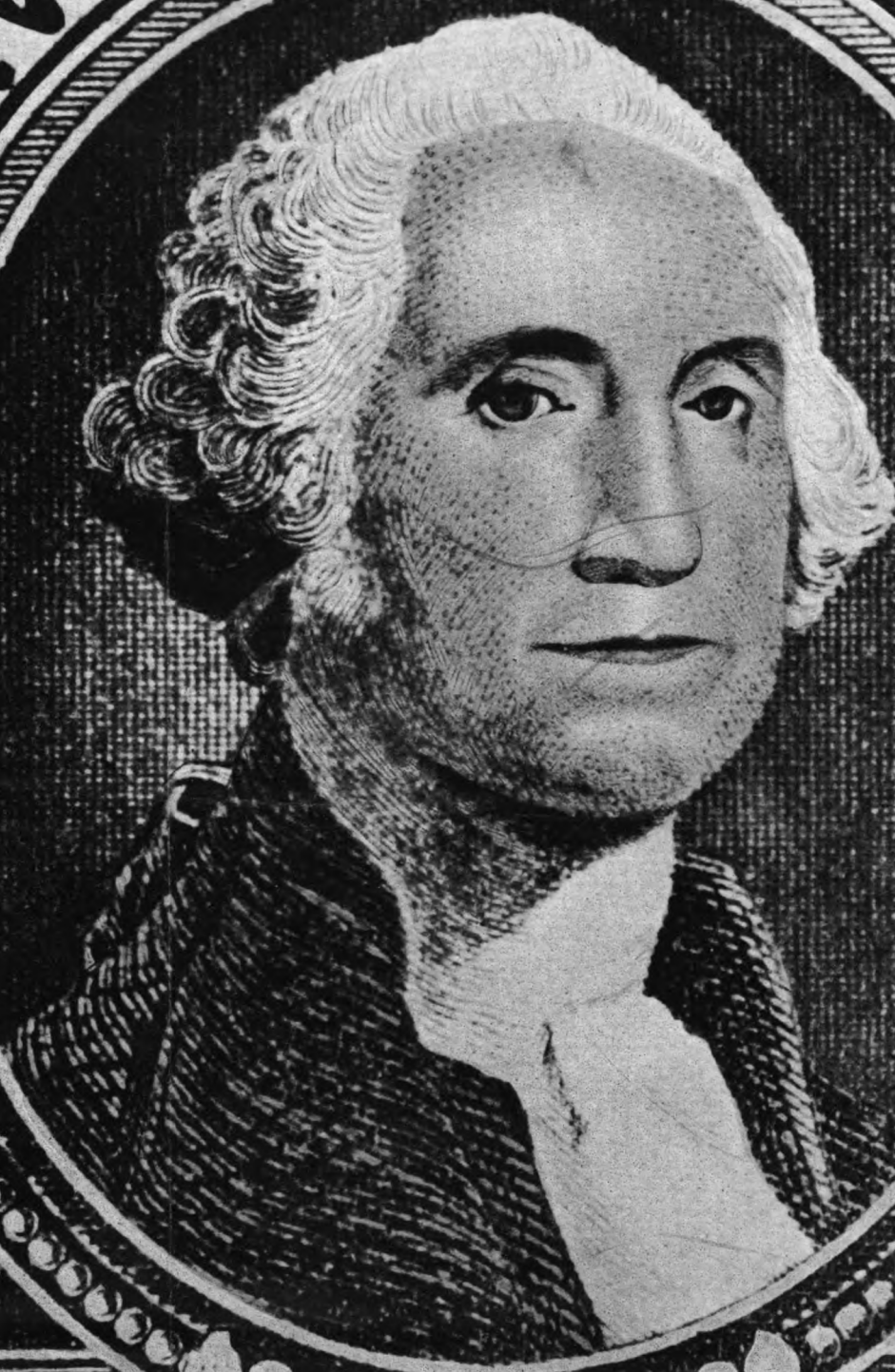
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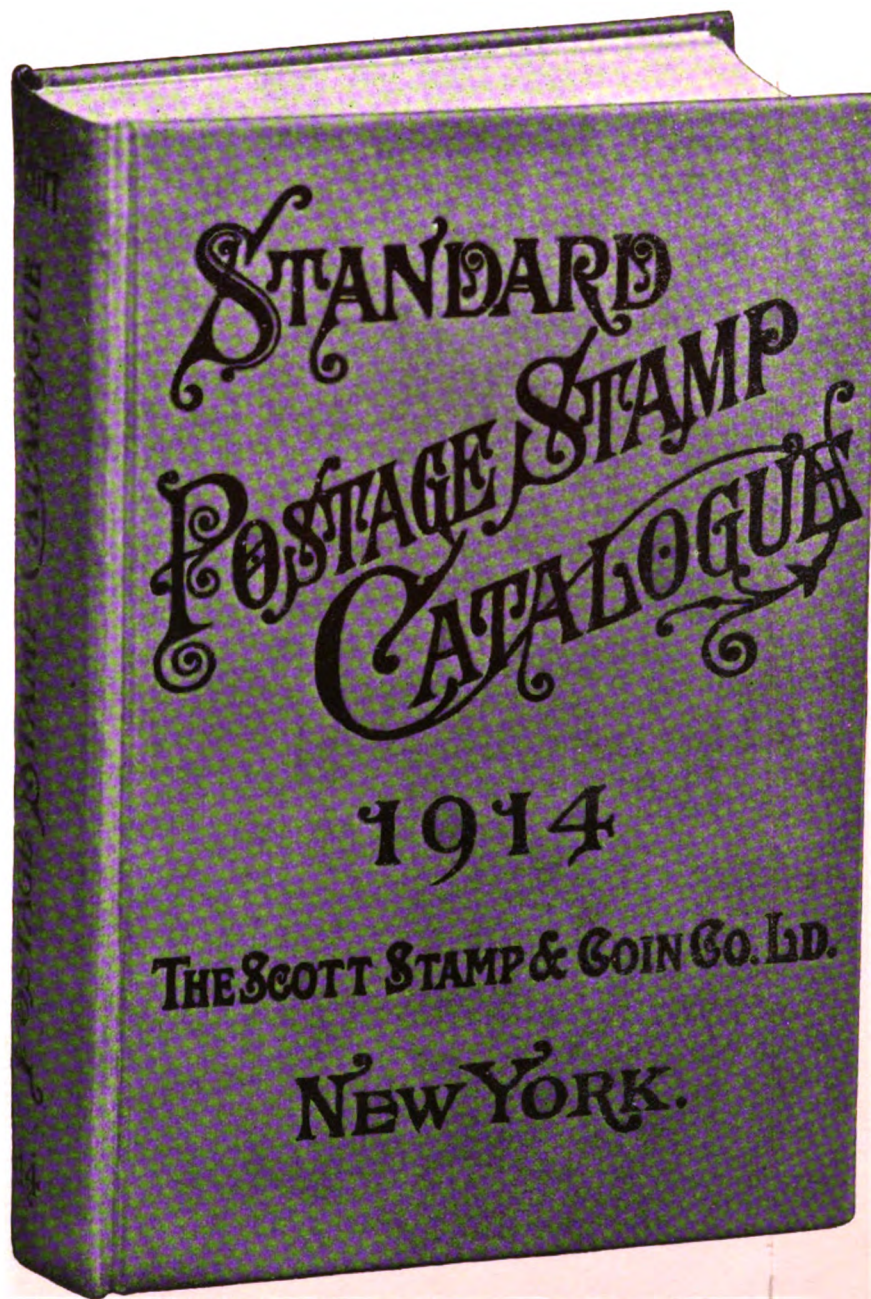
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THE STAMPS OF HAMBURG.

By B. W. H. POOLE.

Its Philatelic History.

Of the three Free and Hanseatic towns Bremen was the first to issue postage stamps, its first labels being on sale in 1855, and it was not until January 1st, 1859, that Hamburg and Lubeck joined the ranks of stamp issuing towns and states. The stamps of Hamburg had a somewhat restricted use, being only used on local letters for the city and its suburbs, and for franking correspondence to the neighbouring states and to the Netherlands, while they were also available on "ship-letters" sent to Great Britain. This seeming reluctance to issue postage stamps, considering the commercial importance of the port, was probably due to the fact that Thurn and Taxis, Prussia, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, Hanover and Mecklenburg, all had offices in the city and it was through these that the general continental letters were forwarded. The Thurn and Taxis office seems to have had the major portion of the postal trade and practically all foreign letters went through this agency. The first set of stamps consisted of seven values—1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9 schilling—and in 1864 these were augmented by the addition of 1 1/4 and 2 1/2 sch stamps, all of these being imperforate. In September, 1864, several of the values appeared perforated and by April of the following year all had been issued in this condition. In February, 1865, the color of the 7sch was changed from orange to lilac, presumably to prevent confusion with the 9sch. In 1866 a 1 1/2sch stamp was issued, and at the same time the design of the 1 1/4sch label was altered. The North German Confederation came into being on January 1st, 1868, and Hamburg, having joined this, ceased to issue its own distinctive stamps.

The currency was in marks and schillings, a Hamburg mark, equal to about 28c, being divided into 16 schilling, and this continued until the unification of German currency in 1875—i. e., seven years after Hamburg's stamps had been superseded.

For a proper appreciation of these stamps a knowledge of the postal tariffs obtaining at the time of their use is necessary, and in this connection the following extract from Mr. R. R. Thiele's excellent article, "The Why and Wherefore of Various Stamps," which appeared in the *Philatelic Record* for July, 1906, is particularly interesting:—

The 1/2 schilling stamp was intended to cover the rate on printed matter per lot (=ounce) to Ritzebüttel (a suburb of Hamburg), to Bremen, Lubeck, and the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg. The 1 schilling was the letter rate on local letters and to Bergedorf, also the rate on printed matter to Heligoland, to the Netherlands, and to Great Britain. The 2 schilling was for the single letter rate to the outlying towns on Hamburg territory, to the Vierlande, to Ritzebüttel and Lubeck. The 3 schilling was intended for single letters to Bremen and the larger part of Oldenburg, while the 4 schilling covered the letter rate to Heligoland and to certain towns in Oldenburg. The 7 schilling, orange, was for letters to the larger part of the Netherlands, and after July 1st, 1859, to Great Britain and Ireland. The 9 schilling at first served the letter rate to Great Britain and Ireland; after the reduction to 7sch it served in combinations for various foreign rates.

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" " 2 annas, cat. 10c	.30	1.75
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Jamaica 1905, 2 1/2p, cat. 15c	.30	2.50
*Mexico 1890, 5c, cat. 10c	.09	.70
" 1890, 10c, cat. 5c	.06	.50
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1906, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 50c and 1 peso.....	.50
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office at Hamburg had always handled the correspondence to Schleswig-Holstein. When the war broke out, this office was cut off from the mother country and the Hamburg authorities took charge of it. The Danish rate to Schleswig-Holstein was 4 skilling; for a few days after February 21st, 1864, the date of taking possession, the office continued to use the Danish stamps of that value. But new stamps of the value of 1 1/4 schilling courant, the equivalent of 4 skilling Danish, were ordered immediately and issued for the first time on February 29th. This value, then, served for the letter rate to Schleswig-Holstein and to Denmark. Denmark immediately retaliated by raising the letter rate from Denmark to Hamburg to 8 skilling; Hamburg followed suit by issuing the 2 1/2 schilling, green, on April 2nd, 1864, to serve the letter rate to Denmark, 2 1/2 schilling courant equaling 8 rigsbanksilling; the rate to Schleswig-Holstein remained at 1 1/4 schilling, but the rate to Altona was lowered to 1/2 schilling on September 7th, 1864, and the 1/2 schilling also served on printed matter to the Duchies from March 1st, 1865. On January 1st, 1865, the rate on letters within the city of Hamburg was reduced to 1/2 schilling, so that the 1/2 schilling in its perforated state is comparatively common. This is also the reason why the North German Confederation afterwards issued a special stamp of the value of 1/2 schilling for Hamburg. The 1/2 schilling rate was extended to the adjacent territory on March 1st, 1866, and to Bergedorf and the Vierlande on June 15th, 1866.

From January 1st, 1865, all the stamps of Hamburg served a large variety of foreign rates, as on that date an arrangement went into effect whereby all letters within Hamburg, no matter for what office they were intended, were collected from all letter-boxes by the municipal post office and then turned over to the foreign offices. All such letters dropped into the boxes would be prepaid either by the respective foreign stamps or by Hamburg stamps: in the latter case the postoffices made settlement with each other on the basis of the foreign rates. The municipal post office in some cases made a little profit here, as its stamps did not always correspond to the foreign rates, and in such cases the next higher stamp had to be used. For instance, the 1 silbergroschen rate to the German-

Austrian Postal Union corresponded to 1 1/3 schilling courant; as there was no such stamp, 1 1/2 schilling's worth of stamps had to be affixed. The 2 silbergroschen rate answered to 2 2/3 schilling courant; for this a 3 schilling stamp had to be used, the municipal post office pocketing the difference. The 4 schilling stamp, of course, exactly corresponded to the 3 silbergroschen rate.

About this time some changes in rates took place. The money-order system was introduced on March 1st, 1866, and the 2 schilling stamp was thereafter also used for money orders to Schleswig-Holstein up to 62 mark courant. From May 14th, 1866, the same stamp was permitted to be used for the registration fee for Hamburg and territory, which theretofore was paid in cash; for July 1st, 1866, the letter rate to Heligoland was lowered to 2 schilling. The 3 schilling stamp was used from July 1st, 1866, for the registration fee to Heligoland and from November 1st, 1866, for the registration fee to the Netherlands. On November 1st, 1866, the letter rate to the entire Netherlands was reduced to 4 schilling.

The letter rate to Lubeck was reduced to 1 1/2 schilling on October 1st, 1865, and the printed matter rate to the Netherlands to the same on July 1st, 1865; hence a stamp of that value became desirable, and was issued on April 1st, 1866.

The First Issue.

The first postage stamps for Hamburg were placed on sale on January 1st, 1859, the set consisting of seven different values. The design, which is the same for all denominations, consisted of the Arms of Hamburg, partially covered by large open numerals denoting the value, as a centerpiece. The Arms are composed of a castle with three towers, the central one being surmounted by a dome and the others by battlements. Above the middle tower is a cross, while large stars are shown above the side turrets. On a ribbon scroll at the top is "HAMBURG," and on a similar scroll at the base is "POSTMARKE," i. e. "post stamp." On the left, reading upwards, the value is shown in words, and on the right "Schilling" appears. As the inscriptions on the left hand side varied in length, according to the value which had to be expressed, small ornaments were introduced to fill the vacant spaces before and after the shorter words.



There was a separate die for each value, and these were engraved by a gentleman rejoicing in the euphonious name of Johann Friedrich Rex Ziesenis. He may also have been responsible for the design but regarding this there appears to be no record. From each die ninety-six casts were taken in ordinary type metal, and these, arranged in twelve horizontal rows of eight, formed the printing plates. There was a space of 3 1/2 mm. between the vertical rows and of 1 1/2 mm. between the horizontal rows. A line of printer's rule was inserted between each of the vertical rows, and as these were the same height as the *clichés* they show at the sides of the stamps. Each horizontal row was numbered in the margin at each end, and at the top of each sheet the inscription "Hamburgische Postmarken" were shown. The plates were made and the stamps printed by Th. G. Meissner, printer to the State of Hamburg.

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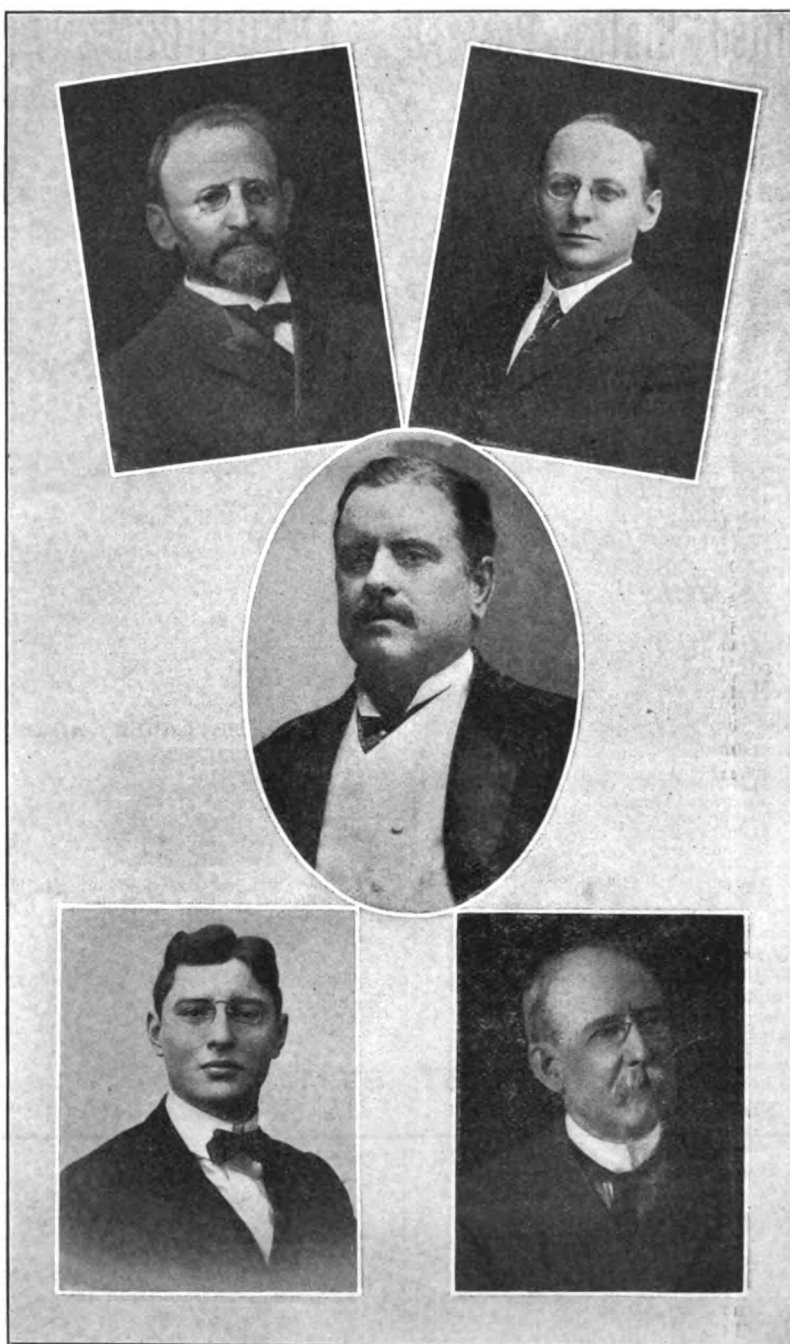
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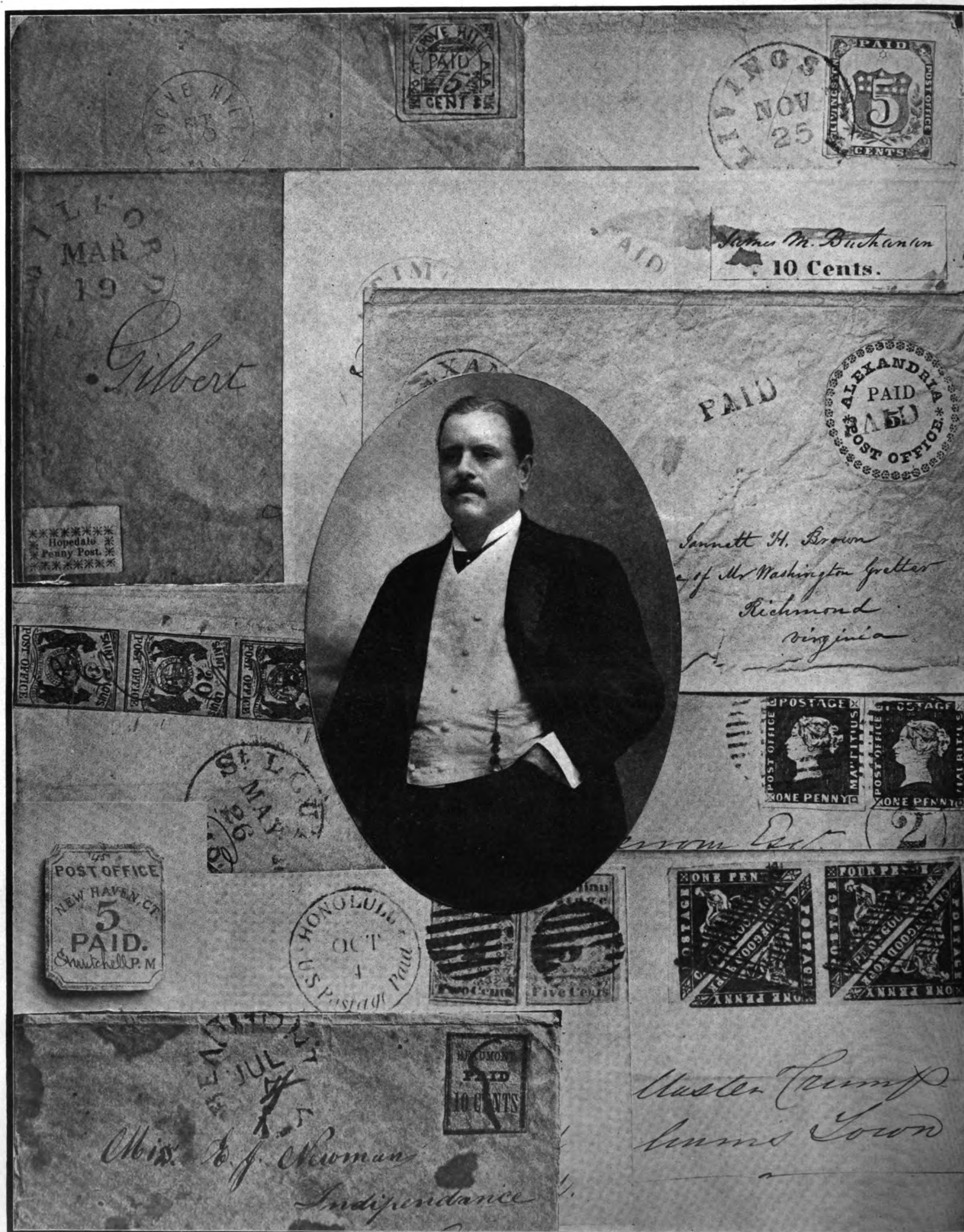
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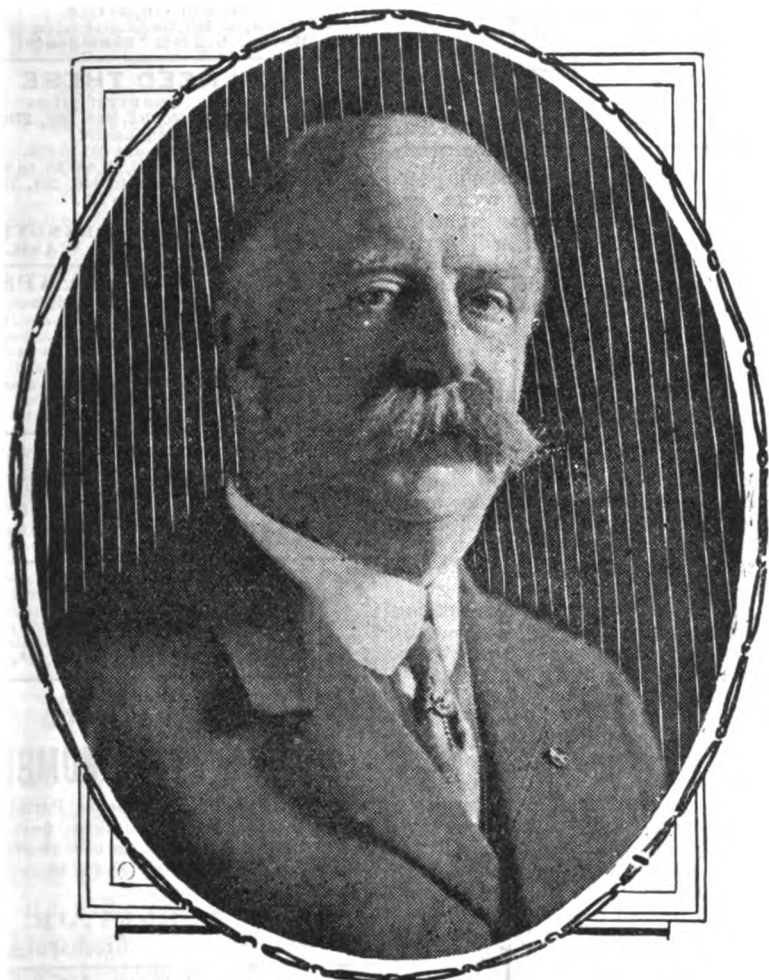
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No one who has the love of philately at heart can afford to miss this opportunity to behold the vast store from all the countries of the world for the last 65 years of printing, lithography and the engravers art which will be presented to his view, or to inspect the rare and valuable stamps that will be exhibited. One day, within the portals of the Engineering Building will be more of a philatelic education and pleasure, than a hundred consumed in viewing the minor collections to which he has access in his own small community.

Many who view these exhibits will most likely remark that the sight of such superb and complete specialized collections make their own albums "look like thirty cents" but if they stifle the envious feelings in their hearts, they will realize, that while we cannot all compete with the millionaires in paying enormous prices for great rarities, it is possible to gather together very creditable collections for a very reasonable expenditure that will give us much enjoyment and pleasure in our favorite study and be of interest to others, even though the celebrated specimens are missing from our albums.

In the first quarter of a century after the introduction of postage stamps, there were few persons who preserved them

unused and they generally kept only single used specimens, which they pasted flat down to the pages of their album, and when showing them to their visiting friends rather meekly apologized for their school-boyish fad. But with the organization of the American Philatelic Association the realization that our cult was sustained by men of means, position and learning in its ranks, the importance of our science took an "uplift" over the country and enforced a recognition to which it was justly entitled.

As year by year our Association has grown from its small coterie of a couple of hundred kindred spirits to over 4,000 who since 1886 have enrolled beneath its banners, the public have recognized the patience, labor, investigation and research which its votaries have devoted to the science. The advancement of artistic work in the production of postal issues is considerably due to the work and criticisms of the philatelists.

The benefits derived from joining our national association are far above the small pecuniary consideration required for its annual dues. The American Philatelic Society is principally composed of honorable upright gentlemen who have an earnest love and devotion to their cult above any pecuniary emolument to be derived from it and the fraternal feeling enjoined by the pursuit of philately is that of brotherly unity and good fellowship. Avariciousness and greed have small place in the heart of the true philatelist, while there may occasionally be a few undesirable characters admitted to our order, they ultimately overreach themselves and commit overt acts which lead to their detection and expulsion.

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EDITORIAL.

A Tribute—We have issued special numbers at times in the past to celebrate events or occasions of varying degrees of importance or of significance to philately but never before has the dedication of a number of this paper to a special subject been so appropriate or so deserved as to the International Philatelic Exhibition which becomes America's greatest philatelic achievement. The work of several years culminates in one week when philately is paramount. All the plans of ingenious managers extending over many months become concentrated in result in the Exhibition of October 27th to November 1st. The task of the men who made the Exhibition comes to a successful climax in the Exhibition itself, an appreciation of which carries with it a realization of the vast accomplishment of those who created the Exhibition. We are glad to record by a special number of our paper the fulfillment of the hopes of those who worked and won a standing memorial in the International Philatelic Exhibition.

The Right Place—There have been exhibitions of stamps in this country before this one and it is fitting that New York, the seat of the first pretentious philatelic exhibition should be that of the International Philatelic Exhibition this year. It is to be said that in March, 1888, an exhibition of "a complete collection of postage stamps of all nations" was shown at the Eden Musee, New York City. This exhibition was purely a local one and was arranged under the auspices of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club, the National Philatelic Society and the Staten Island Philatelic Society. Approximately, a complete collection of the postage stamps of all countries was displayed and in every way the exhibition was a creditable one. Now, over twenty-five years afterwards, it is in accord with traditions that philatelic history repeat itself and it does and in so im-

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America's First International—The exhibition of stamps made at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, under the direction of the American Philatelic Society was one that was not without its merits and resulting beneficial influence on philately. In the years following not a few displays were made at fairs and festivals; and at the Detroit convention of the American Philatelic Society in 1910, a highly interesting display of stamps was made by the Detroit members. It was at this convention that steps were taken to ensure an exhibition at the convention the succeeding year; and in consequence, a really great exhibition was held in 1911 at the Chicago Art Institute. If the Chicago exhibition in any way was the inspiration for this one, it justified its existence in superlative measure. It was time for America's first International Philatelic Exhibition; and it was proper that America's first city should be its setting.

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Needed—It was time, we repeat, for America to have its first International Philatelic Exhibition. It was necessary for America to have it not as an indication of its philatelic progress any more than a proof that philately in this country is not at a stand-still. England and the philatelic powers of Europe have had their great stamp exhibitions for many years and it was time that the United States should serve notice on all the world that its position in the philatelic procession if not in the front rank at least is not in the rear. The Exhibition will strengthen the belief of foreign brethren in America's philatelic standing and its possibilities. While it has been slow to adopt the exhibition idea, philatelic America when it did take the forward step has done so in a way to command admiration.

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The Advantages—In this day and generation, no justification is urged for exhibitions in the many different branches of study or endeavor as the exhibitions illustrate the advances and improvements made in chosen lines. Nearly all pursuits are exploited by exhibitions and in public displays of the kind advertising is gained in a public sense while of course pleasure is afforded to all those interested in the exhibitions. An advantage possessed by stamps as objects of exhibition is that they loan themselves readily to exhibition purposes and philatelists who generally may be said to be of a somewhat studious cast of mind should be particularly receptive to the exhibition idea.

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Purposes—The purposes of the International Philatelic Exhibition broadly are to inspire those who are collectors and at the same time strike a responsive chord in the breasts of those

who are likely to become stamp collectors. It is needless to recite the advantages that all collectors from the immature to the seasoned will derive from the Exhibition. We have said that next to owning rarities and other select stamps, collectors like to see them in the possession of others; and here the opportunity is given to behold the fullness of philately and to hold communion with the most exclusive of stamps. The spirit of pride in the pursuit that will be engendered by graphic proof of the wealth of philately will confirm the collector's fealty to stamps. The contact with fellow collectors amid the congenial surroundings will be a privilege and a pleasure. There is a sterner purpose, too, and that is to advertise philately to the everyday world as a pursuit that is worth investigating and consequently accepting as one of the approved forms of recreative research or as a pastime that requires enough mental application to be invigorating, if you will.

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deep aniline rose, rose, crimson. Surely this is a list of shades worthy of the best collector's efforts.

The vast numbers of stamps printed, and long list of plates made, did not, strange to say, produce much in the way of variety. There are the "Caps" caused by damage to the transfer rolls, and the imperforates. Three varieties of "Caps" are listed and recognized. These occur over the numerals, as a projection rising above the figures at left and over both. The "Right Cap" is not the same as the "Caps" on the other varieties, but is a short white line not touching the numeral. It slants slightly downward toward the right of the figure. Some "faked" Right Caps have been seen, made by blotting out the "Cap" on the left numeral. Students of stamps will not be caught with these doctored stamps. A minor variety in the "Caps" is found with a line of white dividing the projections from the numerals.

Plates TT 235, VV 247 and VV 248 show strips with "Caps" on left numerals. Plate VV 245 shows "Caps" on both numerals, while plate VV 246 contains both varieties.

The stamps exist imperforate, on regular stamp paper, gummed. Some authorities declare that these imperforates are merely finished proofs. Be that as it may they are sought for by specialists. The imperforates were printed from plates D 18 and F 34.

3 Cents.—This denomination was issued Feb. 22, 1890, simultaneously with all but three of the series. The shades, by Mr. Luff, are—bright purple, deep purple. Two plates were made—Nos. 21 and 72, printing 200 stamps to the plate. Only a single variety is chronicled—the imperforate—printed from plate 21.

4 Cents.—This stamp was issued June 2, 1890, in two shades—dark yellow brown, black brown. Two series of five plates each were made: J 51 to 55 and MM 200 to 204, inclusive. The imperforate stamps were printed from plate J 52.

5 Cents.—Issued June 2, 1890, together with the 4 cent stamps. Shades are orange brown, deep orange brown, bistre brown, dark brown. Printed from plates I 46 to 50 inclusive. The imperforates bore plate number 146.

6 Cents.—Date of issue, Feb. 22, 1890. The shades are claret, claret brown, rose brown. Printed from plate 23. The imperforates naturally bore this number.

8 Cents.—Although this stamp was not issued until three years after the others of this series, it is generally designated as an 1890 issue. It went

out to the public on March 21, 1893. Two shades are given—gray lilac, gray violet. These stamps were printed in a series of five plates, 200 to the plate, numbers Z 265 to 269, inclusive. The single variety is said to be an "error" in the color of the 8 cent Columbian.

10 Cents.—Issued Feb. 22, 1890, in shades of deep blue green, dark gray green. The plates were made in a series of five, numbers E 26 to 30. No varieties.

15 Cents.—This was also issued Feb. 22, 1890. A single plate was made for this, number 22. The shades are indigo and deep indigo. The imperforates came from the same plate, of course, as the others.

30 Cents.—This underpriced stamp bears date of issue with the majority of the other denominations—Feb. 22, 1890. Two shades are found—gray black and full black. A single plate was made, number 24, from which the perforate, and the imperforate variety, were printed. This stamp, in fine condition, is not easy to get and in the mind of the writer is worth full or above catalog.

90 Cents.—Issued on Feb. 22, 1890. Mr. Luff classifies the shades as being yellow orange, orange and red orange. One plate only was made, number 25. The imperforate stamps were printed from that plate, it follows.

(To be continued.)

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Almost every week brings along with it fresh information regarding the new New Zealand issue. The recent annual report by the Postmaster-General states that the designs for the King George postage stamps have been prepared and sent to London for the engraving of the dies. The following are the denominations proposed to be issued: ¼d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 4½d, 6d, 7½d, 9d, and 1sh. The design of the penny stamp will not be changed. It will be noticed that three new denominations appear, while the 5d and 8d are omitted; this, I presume, is to conform with the recently amended parcel postage rates. It is expected that the new issue will be on sale towards the end of the year.—N. Z. Stamp Journal.

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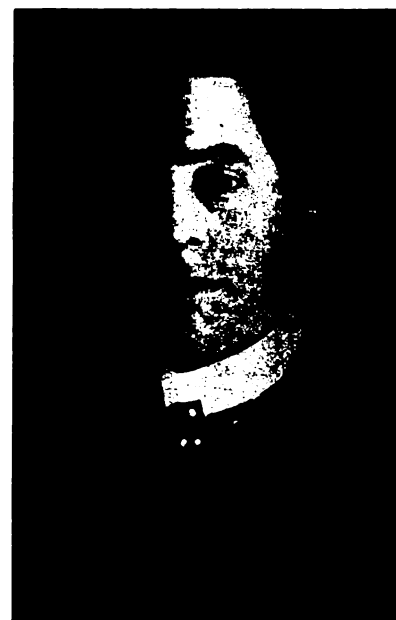
that the time is right to expose them and hope that your efforts will be rewarded in suppressing such cases."—HERBERT H. A. FOX.

—Fred L. Pauly sends us a clipping from the *Normal Instructor*, Dansville, N. Y., picturing nine of the current issue of U. S. stamps. Mr. Pauly writes: "Wonder what the department will do." That's easy! Tell them not to do it again, if called to its attention.

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One might well hesitate in assigning Mr. Melville any title, as his activities are so many and his talents so varied. It is true that he is president of the live Junior Philatelic Society of London, the most progressive and aggressive stamp society in the world, but he is also the editor of the weekly *Postage Stamp* and monthly *Stamp Lover*. But this is not enough so we find him grinding out regularly a handbook on some country that we add with pleasure to our phila-



telic library. When he is not working up some great stamp exhibition, delivering a lantern lecture, penning an article for the press, making a trip to Brighton, Paris or Berlin, we presume he sleeps. No visitor to the New York Exhibition will receive a more cordial welcome than Mr. Melville.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

GREEN FIELDS—3c, 1872-'80.

By CHARLES E. JENNEY.

Now and then in the life of the ordinary philatelist will occur a five or ten minutes of leisure and idleness. When such a period occurs the active mind instantly reverts to that stock of accumulated common stamps to be run through for shades, varieties and peculiarities. Here is relaxation and pleasure, with broad fields to roam in. Here is the beginning of specialism. It is just what is needed in the grim search for rarities, to balance up the pleasure of the hobby.

No better stamp to work on can be had than the old 3-cent green of 1872-1880. Some 30 years are past since this stamp went out of use and yet it is still common and can be bought in lots of 1000 at from 50 to 60 cents. In spite of the large quantities issued this is cheap now at 5c per 100.

We will say we have a couple of thousand spread out before us for examination. What is it we shall look for? The parties who originally separated these from the cover and neatly soaked off the back paper long ago extracted all grills. The different prints are all in such large quantities that none of them are scarce. There is little chance of finding any of the cog-wheel dies. If here and there a vertically imperforate specimen shows up, the margins are not large enough for proof. All of these things we discard. At first glance over the mass of stamps, the variety of shades strikes the eye,—the rich dark yellow green of a few,—the deep green of some of the specimens that have abnormal top or bottom margins,—the light yellow green of some on which we might hope to find a grill now and then if any were left,—and the pale gray-green shades of the soft paper issue. Here is ample material for a full row of eight shades, ranging from the lightest up to the darkest, and a keen specialist might make it two or three lines for shades alone.

The next thing for which we search with keen eyes, are the stamps showing the "arrowhead" lines in one corner. These are sometimes with a straight edge and sometimes perforated on all four sides. There are two shapes of the arrowhead, one quite narrow and with thin lines and the other broad and with thick lines. Each may be found on all four corners of the stamp.

The next striking features displayed on the face of the stamps are the numeral and letter cancellations, within barred ovals. The numerals run from 1 to 52 and it is an absorbing occupation picking out a set of clear ones. The numbers above 32 are very scarce, perhaps 1 in 10,000 is met with. These numbers referred to are black. There is another set to be obtained of colorless letters within black circles. These are scarcer and do not seem to run as high as I have seen none above the twenties. Corresponding to the above there are sets of letters running from A to Z in black letters and probably in colorless letters, though I have not seen the full set of the latter. These letters without color are kind of puzzling to make out at times and one sometimes has to study them to determine just what they are.

After the segregation of these numbers there are still many points of interest about the remaining stamps that attract attention. Here and there one may be picked out showing the portion of the Bank Note Company's imprint,

sometimes the National, sometimes the American. These are quite scarce and looked upon as good finds. They may be top or bottom imprints and they serve to locate the position of several stamps on the sheet, as well as the arrow varieties.

We now come down to the striking cancellations shown, besides the numeral and letter varieties. This issue is not so fruitful of these as the old 3c red of 1861, of which five years ago it was not hard to get a full page of 64 distinctive and remarkable cancellations, but which today are not to be obtained cheaply in wholesale quantities. But a 2000 lot will display many unique specimens. The Star cancellations are perhaps the most prolific and it is possible to get a large variety of these of different sizes, solid and hollow, in circle and out, 5-pointed and more. There are several forms of crosses from the plain gothic to the ornamental Maltese. Circles and concentric rings from two up to six may be shown. We of course exclude all irregular blurs, blots and cork-stopper cancellations. In my native town all through the seventies and into the eighties the 3c green shows with cancellations consisting of large figures of the date, almost as tall as the stamp, thus 79, 80, 81, etc. It is with considerable enthusiasm that we run across now and then, but seldom, a cancellation consisting of Paid 3 within a neat circle. These are not so common on this issue as on the older ones, and are evidently cancellations left over from the ancient days before stamps. I have even found a Paid 5 and a Paid 10 on the 3c green, so evenly impressed as to look like printed surcharges. There will be found also a monogram U. S., the U run through the S after the manner of the well-known watermark on the envelopes. Straight Paid and Received marks are occasionally met with. A large R indicating registration is rather infrequent on this issue though common on later issues. Very rarely a complete dated postmark may be found on one of these stamps, in which case it must necessarily be of one of the few cities using in those days a very small postmark. A pen cancellation or two should not be neglected in assorting these out (don't be afraid—it is not fiscally used). These usually take the form of two or three vertical lines but at one post-office at least the postmaster was accustomed to use his initials.

I have only indicated here a few of the designs to be found in the cancellations. My own collection displays many of interest and which in a few years from now it will be hard to duplicate. And the collection alone is not my only reward, for it represents many pleasant moments, that every true collector will understand the value of. I have found it profitable, in running through a lot for my own benefit, to save a liberal lot of such as can be found in duplicate, for the sake of others who may be similarly inclined in interests.

Years from now the specialists will be running over dealers' stocks, at some expense to their purses, for many of these cancellations the same as we now find our "big men" searching for the red, blue and green cancellations on the first two issues. It will surely combine pleasure with profit if we now avail ourselves of those stocks of common stamps readily at hand at little or no expense, for original research and amateur specialism.

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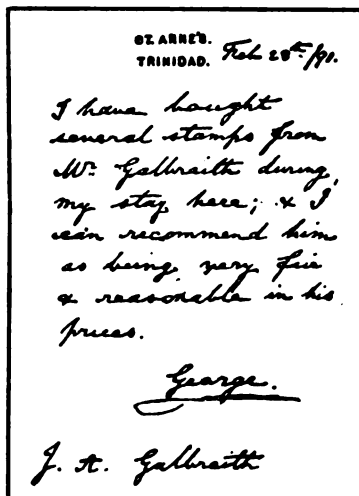
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Argentina—The first issue and second issue—They are specialized in a way I have never seen them before, and I think this work will be new to practically all American collectors. The Rivadavia issues are very highly specialized and are in about the same conditions as when exhibited in London last year. Some of the issues (later ones) are studied out. You may possibly recall my article on the 1882 issues in the P. G. The stamps with the inverted centers and the celebrated 5c green error are all present. This collection is entered in the champion class. It has never been exhibited before.

Cape of Good Hope—I have entered Cape of Good Hope "not in competition" and am simply showing my specialized collection of wood blocks consisting of about three hundred copies, including ten errors of color. I am in hopes that this collection will be received with satisfaction as I am exhibiting it at the special request of the committee.

Canada is shown in five volumes. It received a gold medal in London in 1907 at which time it was contained in two volumes. The whole collection is really composed of two collections; one used and the other unused. While most people would first notice the three pairs of the twelve-pence, I think myself that the study of the 1868 issue and the exhibit of copies both used and unused of the six-pence are of more philatelic value. There is a part of a plate proof of the twelve-pence in the collection by which I have been able to locate on the sheet the pair of twelve-pence which Mr. Worthington has in his collection of Canada.

New Zealand—This collection in two volumes only contains the early issues. My whole collection of New Zealand takes about eight volumes, but the two shown contain the first type used and unused, including all of the retouches of the two-pence reconstructed. Attention is called to the large exhibit of the different private perforations. You will be interested in knowing that this collection has been largely used by the New Zealand Philatelic Society to illustrate their forthcoming book on the Stamps of New Zealand. I have a letter from Percy B. Phipson, Secretary of the Society, saying they expect the work to appear in November.

Danish West Indies—This collection I am exhibiting in order to make real competition for Mr. T. W. Hall, and Mr. Bartels is exhibiting his collection for the same reason. I expect Mr. Hall to be awarded the gold medal, and it

will be of some pleasure to him and his English friends to have the medal cross the ocean under these circumstances. Exhibited for the first time.

Liberia—Here I show a very large amount of work I have done on the early issues of Liberia. I believe I have solved some of the interesting problems that have not been solved by anyone before. At any rate I have done enough to stir up philatelists who are interested in this country. I expect a lot more information will be forthcoming. I do not think any such collection of Liberia has ever been exhibited before. Exhibited for the first time.

Sydney Views—About eight hundred copies including fifteen plates. These plates are as follows: One-penny, plate I, complete. One-penny, plate I, duplicate, nearly complete. One-penny, plate II, composed of single copies, complete. One-penny, plate II, composed of single copies, nearly complete; different shade. One-penny, plate II, complete, mostly in vertical pairs. One-penny, plate II, complete, mostly in horizontal pairs. One-penny, plate II, on laid paper, partly complete. Two-pence, plate I, complete. Two-pence, plate II, complete. Two-pence, plate II, different shade, complete. Two-pence, plate II, hard paper with retouches, nearly complete. Two-pence, plate III, complete. Two-pence, plate IV, complete. Two-pence, plate V, complete. Three-pence, complete except three stamps, two of which are in the collection on original cover.

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23. 2½ ultramarine	.12	.08

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29. 1sh black on green	1.10
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1908-9, C. A. MULTIPLE.

31. ½p brown	.02
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1912, KING GEORGE.

32. ½p	.01
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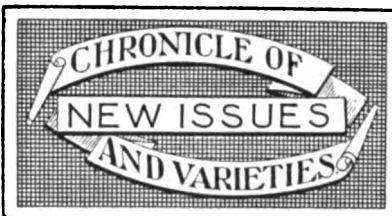
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

AUSTRALIA.—Edwin F. Sawyer has shown us the new 4d Kangaroo registration envelope, about which there was considerable discussion in the English papers.

Registration Envelope.
 4d orange on white.

BERMUDA.—Edwin F. Sawyer sends us a specimen of the King George registration envelope for this Colony.

Registration Envelope.
 2d blue.

BRITISH GUIANA.—J. A. Galbraith shows us the 2c, 6c and 12c stamps of the new series, previously chronicled.

DENMARK.—W. T. Wilson sends us the 5 and 10 ore of the new King Christian X series. As announced in No. 1144, the portrait of the King, which is in profile, facing to the right, represents him in naval uniform. The portrait is in an oval, with a wide tablet around it. "Danmark" appears in the upper part of the tablet, wreaths of oak leaves at the sides and "Ore" at the bottom. The figures of value are printed in small ovals in the lower corners. In each of the upper corners is a large "C" surmounted by a crown, with an "X" in the centre of the larger letter. The stamps are printed on unwatermarked paper and perforated.

Adhesives.

5 ore yellow green.
 10 ore red.

GAMBIA.—Edwin F. Sawyer has shown us the King George registration envelope and ordinary envelope.

Envelope.

1d carmine.

Registration Envelope.
 2d blue.

GIBRALTAR.—This Colony has a new wrapper and registration envelope, with portrait of King George, specimens having been shown us by Edwin F. Sawyer.

Registration Envelope.

2d carmine on cream.
 Wrapper.

1/4d green on buff.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Offices in the Levant.—The King George registration envelope of Great Britain has been surcharged "Regn. Fee.—1 Piastre" in two lines for use in the Levant. A specimen comes from Edwin F. Sawyer.

Registration Envelope.

1pi on 3d red brown.

Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the King George 3d stamp, overprinted "1 1/4—Piastre" for use in the Levant, like the 1 1/4 piastre on 4d slate green, as recently chronicled.

Adhesive.

1 1/4pi on 3d purple.

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INDIA.—Bright & Son send us a specimen of the India post card of 1871, with the stamp overprinted "Service" in medium sized type, spaced so as to extend across the stamp. The card is printed in red brown on buff, and the overprint is in black. As far as can be ascertained, this official card has never been chronicled or catalogued.

JAMAICA.—From Edwin F. Sawyer comes a new registration envelope with embossed portrait of King George.

Registration Envelope.

3d brown on cream.

NEW HEBRIDES.—It has repeatedly been stated that the high values of the New Hebrides stamps in French currency had been surcharged with a lower denomination, because there was no need of them, but this appears to be wrong, as the Postmaster at Port Vila writes Hermann Focke under date of August 25, that no provisionals had been received by him, nor did he expect that the Government would decide to

have them made as there was a large stock of all low values on hand. The Postmaster also contradicts the often made statement that no 25c stamps were to be had at Port Vila, as he has a large supply of this value on hand also.

NICARAGUA.—From Dr. Roy F. DeSart comes the first of the Cordoba surcharges on fiscal stamps we have yet seen. The familiar long type of stamp so freely used for postal surcharges in 1908 and 1909 has been again pressed into service. The overprinting, which is in red, is badly done, the second line being indecipherable. The rest of the overprint reads: "Timbre—

—10 cts. de—Cordoba—1913.

Provisional Adhesive.

On fiscal stamp.

"10 cts." on 2p dark blue; surcharge red.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—This Colony has a King George registration envelope, a specimen having been shown us by Edwin F. Sawyer.

Registration Envelope.

2d blue.

NEW AUSTRALIAN DESIGNS.

We picture herewith the two new designs suggested for the Australian Commonwealth stamps, displacing the sad-eyed animal representing a kangaroo as found on the current issue. The Postmaster General Agar Wynne has taken the design which won the \$500 prize some two years ago. While it is reported that the 1d and 2d values are shortly to be expected—in other quarters it is asserted that there will be modifications before the new stamps appear. Critics urge that there is too much detail to make these designs acceptable in the small size that would be necessary on stamps.



Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE GERM OF A COLOR CHART.

By LOUIS G. BARRETT.

The years since 1905 have produced for philately many new issues of stamps, the more notable of which, outside of Great Britain and her possessions, fall into two or three principal groups. One of these groups, characterized by a beauty of design and an originality of detail, includes such issues as those of Austria 1908-10-13; Bosnia 1906-10-12-13; Bulgaria 1911; Italy 1911; Liechtenstein 1912; Montenegro 1910; Roumania 1906 and Russia of 1913.

A second group, containing such issues as Belgium 1912 and Serbia of 1911 has reached almost the limit in severity and plainness of design.

The third group, and the one which most concerns the present discussion relies more upon a boldness of design, a paucity of detail and a vigorous use of plain color backgrounds to gain distinction in artistic effect. The countries issuing stamps which would be included in this latter group comprise Bavaria 1911 (Scott's types A-6 and 7); Denmark 1905-12 (Type A-10); France 1907-10 (Type A-22); Iceland 1911-12 (Types A-6 and 7); Portugal 1912 (Type A-64); and Switzerland 1908-10 (Types A-25 and 26).

From the standpoint of color and color designations this group is most interesting, as in most cases a pure pigment has been used and it is not difficult to select from among the issues named, examples of colors which remain practically constant and are therefore of value in presenting standards by which one may test his eye for color. If a selection of stamps is made from them and arranged as the nucleus of a color chart, a basis for reliable and uniform comparison is produced by which collectors may correctly classify their shade varieties.

The universal adoption of such an arrangement, which could be as much amplified by the addition of intermediate gradations in shade or tint as desired by the individual, would be extremely simple, from the fact that the pigments have an unvarying quality the world over; for instance, Prussian blue or Venetian red, or raw umber or chrome green, or vermilion are fixed standards everywhere. Of the issues of the six countries named above in the last group, Bavaria 1911 may be dismissed from consideration at once, as all of the stamps are printed on a toned or tinted paper, which has the effect of materially dulling the tone of the pigments used, besides which the shades have varied in successive printings. This latter fault, common to the issues of most all countries where large numbers of stamps are used, prevents their acceptance for the present purpose.

Of the five remaining countries then, Iceland, a small country with a relatively small population, is the one where an issue will be found to remain for the longest period without showing variations in shades.

The 1911-12 issue of this country undoubtedly owes its existence to the influence upon the designer's mind of the beautiful "cameo" series of early Gambias. And due to the pigments chosen for the thirteen values of the set they practically comprise a good color-chart by themselves, and owing to their slight cost (barring possibly the two highest values) should be in the possession of every philatelist, be he a general collector or a specialist.

A summary of the various colors used in the series, with the color names as they would be recognized in the commercial and artistic world is as follows:

- 1 eyr olive-green.
- 3 aur Prussian blue; a standard for blue.
- 5 aur Hooker's green, No. 2; a middle shade; and a good standard green.
- 6 aur charcoal gray; a good gray.
- 10 aur deep vermilion; a standard for red.
- 15 aur purple; a good example of the color.
- 20 aur Chinese blue; (a tint) a good light blue.

25 aur chrome orange; a standard orange.

50 aur burnt carmine.

1 krona cadmium; a good standard for yellow.

2 krona pink madder; a color not often met with in stamps; it might safely be called a carmine-rose.

5 krona burnt umber; a medium shade; a good standard brown.

Thus it will be seen that in this issue, good examples of the three primary colors; red, yellow and blue; the three secondary colors; orange, green and violet (purple) and two of the three tertiary colors; olive and brown are represented, besides a good gray as a neutral tint.

In a similar way, if the stamps of Denmark 1905-12 are considered, the list appears as follows:

1 ore chrome orange; same as the 25a of Iceland.

2 ore alizarine scarlet; one of the coal-tar colors.

3 ore gray; similar to a wash of diluted India ink.

4 ore sky-blue; a pure light blue.

5 ore Hooker's green No. 2; a deeper shade than on 5a, Iceland; a good dark green.

10 ore rose-carmine; somewhat duller than the 2k of Iceland.

15 ore mineral violet; a rather dull lilac; hardly enough red in its composition to be called mauve.

20 ore Antwerp blue; a deep shade; another good blue of a different cast than Prussian blue.

The French stamps of the "Sower" type of 1907-10 give comparisons thus:

5c bronze-green.

10c Venetian red; another standard red of a duller cast than vermilion.

20c purple madder; a brownish lake.

30c neutral orange; duller than chrome orange.

35c violet; dull shades caused by the addition of gray.

(To be continued.)

COMMODORE GEORGE H. WORTHINGTON.

We do well to recognize the great honor that Mr. Worthington has done American Philately. He has given of his wealth and of his time to such an extent that the whole philatelic world has been placed under obligations to him. His exhibits at New York will attract wide attention and these will be but a small part of the magnificent collection that is to be found in his nearly one hundred large albums.

We do not intend to write a biographical sketch of Mr. Worthington, but his prominence as the honorary president of the exhibition leads us to feature some of the great rarities to be seen in his collection, hence the page plate found elsewhere in this issue. It will be a delight to our readers who cannot visit New York to study these great treasures.

It would be difficult to give a correct valuation of this page of rarities. A spirited contest would certainly result were they to be disposed of in the auction room. Such will never be their fate however as Mr. Worthington has already indicated that his entire collection is to be kept intact and the Cleveland public will be the beneficiaries thereby.

For an estimate of value we should fix \$40,000 as a fair figure. This is certainly conservative. A few notes upon these covers by a correspondent who has gleaned some facts of interest will no doubt be welcome:—

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Hopedale.—There are several of these in existence and all were located in and around Hopedale, Mass.

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THE IMPRINTS AND PLATE NUMBERS OF THE 1851-1857 ISSUES OF UNITED STATES ADHESIVES.

By CARROLL CHASE, M. D.

Various lists of United States plate numbers, including the early issues, have been published, the most authoritative of which have been Luff's and Bartels', but even these show many inaccuracies and omissions in these issues. My list which follows is still far from complete, but one excuse for now publishing it is that some of the many readers of this paper may be able and kind enough to supply some of the missing information.

One thing that puzzled me greatly for a while was the fact, afterward determined, that for the first few months (probably throughout the year 1851) Toppan Carpenter Casilear & Co., the engravers of the 1851 issue put no numbers on the stamp plates, using the imprint only. This was surely so with the 3c value and probably with the 1c and 12c.

The list follows. The numbers after many of the plate numbers given, refer to notes following the list, which explain many details.

Plate Numbers.

1851 Issue, Imperforate.
1c (issued July 1, 1851), 1 (1), 2 (2), 3 (3).
3c (issued July 1, 1851), U (3), X (4), Y (4), 1 (5), 2 (6), 3 (4), 4 (7), 5 (8), 6 (9), 7 (8), 8 (8).

5c (issued Jan. 5, 1856), 1.
10c (issued May 4, 1855), 1.
12c (issued July 1, 1851), 1 (10), 2 (10).

1857 Issue, Perforated.
1c 1, 2, 3 (11), 4 (12), 5 (12), 6 (12), 7 (13), 8 (14), 9, 10, 11 (12), 12 (15).
3c Type I, U (16), 2, 3, 4, 6 and two of the following 5 (17), 7 (17), 8 (17).
3c Type II, 9 (18), 10 (19), 11 (20), 12 (20), 13 (20), 14 (20), 15, 16 (20), 17 (20), 18 (20), 19 (20), 20, 21, 22 (20), 23, 24, 25, 26 (20), 27, 28.

5c Type I 1.
5c Type II and III 2.
10c Type I 1.
10c Type II 2, 3 (21).
12c 1 (22), 2 (22), 3.
24c 1 (23).
30c 1 (23).
90c 1 (23).

Plates Used for the 1875 Reprints.
1c New plate of 100 stamps without imprint or number.
3c New plate of 100 stamps without imprint or number.

5c No. 2.
10c New plate of 100 stamps without imprint or number.
12c New plate of 100 stamps without imprint or number.

24c No. 1.
30c No. 1.
90c No. 1.

NOTES.

(1) This plate probably had no number until late in 1851 or early in 1852.

(2) I have not seen this plate number but I know a third plate of the imperforate 1c stamp exists and suppose it to be No. 3.

(3) I called this plate "U" for "unnumbered" when I first discovered it, as I then supposed it to be the only plate with no number. This plate was put aside late in 1851 and not used again until 1856 at which time it probably had a number placed on it—either 5, 7, or 8; thus it will be understood that there were but 10 plates of the 3c Type I.

(4) Regarding the plates that I have called X and Y, I only know that these two plates were used to a very limited extent during the year 1851. I have stamps in the distinctive 1851 orange brown shade (also called the copper shade) showing pieces of imprint that do not match with any of the other plates mentioned. They almost surely never had any number.

(5) This plate probably was printed from several months before it had the number cut on it.

(6) This plate surely was used for a while before the number was added.

(7) The right pane of stamps shows the normal number—viz. "4." The left pane shows the number reversed.

(8) I have never actually seen any of these three numbers but I know that plates exist that would logically bear these numbers. One of these three numbers was probably given to Plate U in 1856.

(9) Have seen Plate No. 6 from the right pane only.

(10) I have never seen either of these numbers, but feel fairly sure that two plate numbers exist imperforate.

(11) Have never seen this number, but the same plate that I have listed as No. 3 imperforate, also exists perforated.

(12) Have never seen any of these plate numbers but they probably all exist.

(13) Have seen this number from the right pane only.

(14) Have seen this number from the left pane only.

(15) Have seen this number from the right pane only.

(16) This plate was probably numbered either 6, 7, or 8.

(17) Two of these three plates (which two I can't tell) exist perforated. Plate U is probably one of them.

(18) Have seen this from the right pane only. This is almost surely the first Type II plate. The numeral is reversed.

(19) Have seen this from the right pane only.

(20) Have not seen these numbers but it is practically certain that they all exist.

(21) Luff lists this plate and it may possibly exist, but I have never seen any proof of it. Mr. Luff tells me now that he thinks it quite possible that this number was listed in error.

(22) One of these (probably Plate 2) surely exists perforated and possibly both 1 and 2 do though I have never seen either number.

(23) Both the imperforate and perforated 24c, 30c and 90c come from the same plates—No. 1 in each case.

I have not attempted to state on which plates of the 1c, '51, '57 the various types are found as I want first to obtain a little more data.

The plate number was cut in by hand. "No" usually preceded it, and "P" standing for "Plate" often followed it.

IMPRINTS.

There were three different imprints used on the 1851-57 plates; the first and second varieties being made from the same transfer roll. The first read Toppan Carpenter Casilear & Co. Bank Note Engravers, Phila., New York, Boston and Cincinnati. The words "Bank Note Engravers" are in Gothic type and the balance of the imprint in Roman type. The imprint appeared twice on each plate—at the left of the left pane, reading down; and at the right of the right pane, reading up. It is always about in the center of the plate from top to bottom, and requires a vertical strip of four stamps to show it entire. This was surely used on most of the plates made for the imperforate stamps and probably on all of them. It certainly appears on Plate I of the 5c. Luff's list is in error in stating that this plate showed the second type of imprint.

The second type of imprint is the same as the first except that an attempt was made to leave out the word "Casilear" as this member of the firm had dropped out. The method employed was to rock the transfer roll on the plate so as to show "Toppan Carpenter" and then raise it and readjust it so that "& Co. Bank Note Engravers, Phila., New York, Boston & Cincinnati" followed. It was a difficult thing to do accurately and the result is that there is usually some evidence of the missing word in the altered imprint. The word "Carpenter" sometimes reads "Carpenterar" or "Carpenterr" the additional final letters being the remains of "Casilear." One other error in this imprint is found on the right pane of Plate 15 of the 3c, 1857. The last word of the imprint reads "Cincinnati" seemingly because of insufficient rocking of the roll.

I think all of the perforated issue (except those printed from the plates made for the imperforate stamps) show this second type of imprint, with the exception of Plate 12 of the 1c, Plate 3 of the 12c and Plate 1 of the 30c and 90c. These four plates show the third type of imprint. This reads "Toppan Carpenter & Co. Philadelphia" in colorless letters on a solid back ground. This is a shorter imprint than either of the first two, being but a trifle longer than the height of two stamps.

The writer would very much appreciate the loan of any of the following 1851 or 1857 plate numbers: 1c Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (from left pane), 8 (from right pane), 11 and 12 (from left pane). 3c Nos. 5, 6 (from left pane), 7, 8, 9 (from left pane), 10 (from left pane), 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22 and 26. 5c No. 1. 10c Nos. 1 and 3. 12c Nos. 1 and 2. Also any piece of imprint on the 10c, Type I or on any 12c. Any such sent to my address, 1050 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., will be examined and promptly returned.

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1808, 15c unused o.g. fine.....	5.50	20th CENTURY (ALL MINT).	
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24c used, fine.....	3.20	(I want to buy a 1901. If you have one send it along at full retail price.)	
24c used, good.....	2.00	Australian Due 1902, 5sh.....	2.55
1871, 7c unused, fine, no gum.....	2.00	Barbados 1905, 2sh 6d, CAC.....	1.90
12c unused, perfectly cent'd, no gum 4.50		Bavaria 1911, 20mrk.....	6.15
24c unused, gum, fine.....	7.50	Bosnia 1901, 4d orange (one color).....	.70
1873, "C" 90c mint, superb.....	5.25	B. C. A. 1907, 6d multiple, superb.....	3.25
1870, 90c soft, very fine, used.....	1.10	Brunei 1907, \$1.00.....	1.40
1888, 90c purple, mint.....	2.40	Canal Zone on U. S. set of five.....	1.70
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1902, \$2.00 mint, perfect.....	2.50	China \$1.00, \$2.00 "Waterloo" print.....	2.40
\$5.00 mint, perfect.....	0.10	Columbia Republic Reg. 1910, 10c (No. 529), a scarce stamp.....	3.25
1912 Postal Savings, \$1.00, used.....	.50	East Africa CC, 3 rupee, fine.....	2.40
Postal Savings, 1c, mint.....	.50	Multi, 5 rupee, fine.....	3.80
Agriculture Dept., 12c unused, good... 3.75		Ecuador 1901, 55c unused, fine.....	2.75
Justice Dept., 2c mint, superb.....	1.70	Gambia 3sh CA.....	1.40
10c mint, superb.....	1.50	Germany 3m, watermarked.....	.98
30c mint, not quite centered.....	8.00	Levant 25pi, watermarked.....	1.55
Executive Dept., 1c fine, un'd, some gum 4.00		Great Britain, Levant, £1.30 on 4d yel. 1.70	
10c fine, unused, some gum.....	5.00	£1.10 on 3d yel. 1.40	
State Dept., 30c mint, fine.....	6.00	Hayti 1912, 1, 2, 5c.....	.12
19c unused, some gum, fine.....	6.80	Hong Kong 1902, 12c blue (\$2.00).....	.90
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" 90c blue, grille 9x13 used	12.00	" 6.00 ultram., " "	12.00	" 4p slate	.60	Ionian Is., complete (3), unused	4.75
1869, 1c buff (used 35c), unused o. g.	1.25	" 9.00 yellow, " "	20.00	" 1sh orange brown	1.00	Leeward Isl'd 1897, Jub. 1/4, unused	1.00
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" 24c green & violet, used	5.00	the Government at \$2.95 a set.		1875, 1p on 2p blue	7.50	1857, 6 1/2p scarlet-vermil., large	
" 30c blue & carmine, used	3.50	Postage Due 1879, 30c brown	1.00	" 1p on 3p buff	4.00	margins, unscen thin spot,	
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" 2c red brown, unused o. g.	1.50	3c Playing Cards	6.00	" 5c red	5.00	1897, 1c brown lilac, used	2.00
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" 10c or 12c each, unused o. g.	8.00	20c Foreign Exch.	1.00	" 8c rose	1.75	" 5c pale blue (fish), un'd o. g.	2.00
" 15c bright orange, unused o. g.	5.00	25c Warehouse Receipt	.60	1893, 24c green	1.75	1887, 10c black (ship), un'd o. g.	.75
" 24c purp., (used 90c), " "	12.50	50c Probate of Will	.75	" 48c rose	3.50	Prince Ed. Isl'd cpl. mostly unused	12.50
" 90c carmine, used	1.25	\$1 Manifest	.60	British Honduras 1895, 1p blue	1.50	Philippines 1898, 4c orange, un'd o. g.	1.00
1873, 7c, 12c or 15c each used	.30	\$1 Mortgage	3.00	1879, 4p violet	1.25	1898, 6c blue	.45
" 10c brown, unused o. g.	5.00	\$1 Passage Ticket	6.00	1891, 24c yellow and blue	1.00	" 15c olive green, " "	.25
" 30c gray black, unused o. g.	10.00	\$1.30 Inland Exchange	1.00	Brunswick 1853, 1sgr yellow	.75	" 20c maroon, " "	.30
" 90c carmine, unused	2.50	\$2.00 Probate of Will	1.00	1893, 2sgr rose	.60	" 40c violet, " "	.50
1875, 2c vermilion, unused o. g.	1.25	\$5 Manifest	2.50	1893, 3sgr rose	1.75	" 80c black, " "	.75
" 5c blue Taylor, unused o. g.	2.50	\$5 Probate of Will	.85	Cape of G. H. 1863, 1p (triangular)	4.00	" 80c brown, " "	1.00
1879, 6c pink, unused o. g.	2.00	\$10 Charter Party	.85	1858, 1sh green (triangular)	6.00	" 1 peso green, " "	1.50
" 10c br., No. 187, unused o. g.	5.00	\$15 Mortgage	6.00	Canada 1855, 10p blue, fair margins	7.50	" 2 peso blue, used	2.50
" 10c br., No. 188, " "	3.00	\$25 Mortgage	4.00	1857, 6p violet, extra margins	12.00	1899, on U. S. 50c, unused o. g.	3.50
1888, 30c orange brown, " "	1.00	6c blue & black, 2nd issue, scarce	2.00	" 1p red No. 12	3.00	" 10c, " "	.40
" 90c purple, " "	4.00	1c " "	.75	1850, 10c red lilac	.75	" 15c olive, used	.25
1890, 30c black, " "	1.00	4c " "	.25	" 2c rose, unused	.35	" 8c puce, used	.25
" 90c orange, " "	2.00	15c " "	.50	" 12 1/2c green	.60	" \$1 black, used	8.00
1893, Columbus 30c, " "	.75	30, 40 or 70c blue & blk., 2d issue, ea.	.75	1868, 1/2c black	.30	" 4c br'n, un'd o. g.	1.50
" 50c, " "	1.00	\$10.00 black and green, 3rd issue	3.00	" 6c olive	.25	" 10c " "	.22
" 1.00, " "	1.50	\$15.00 black and vermilion, " "	.75	1875, 6c brown green	1.25	" 13c viol. br., " "	.75
" 2.00, " "	2.25	\$15.00 black and orange, " "	15.00	1897, Jubilee 1/2c black, unused	.30	" 15c olive, " "	.60
" 3.00, " "	3.40	1898 issue, 1c green, sm. I.R., unused	.15	" \$2.00 purple	1.50	" \$1 black, " "	6.00
" 4.00, " "	4.40	" 1c gr'n I. R. inverted, " "	3.00	" \$5.00 green	4.00	Nova Scotia 1851, 1p red brown	10.00
" 5.00, " "	5.20	" 2c car. I. R. inverted	.40	Quebec 1908, 15c orange	.35	1861, 3p blue	2.00
1908, 50c pale violet, used	.25	" 80c bistre (10 for 45c), used	.15	" 20c brown	.35	" 1sh reddish violet, same	.90
" \$1 purple brown	.35	" \$100 yel. br. & blk., light cut	6.00	Chile 1862, 1c lemon yellow	2.50	but lightly cut into at one corner	90.00
1911, 50c violet (Franklin)	.25	" \$500 lake and blk., " "	40.00	1862, 20c green	3.75	1890, 1c black	.75
Agriculture 1c yellow, unused o. g.	3.50	Western Un. Tel. 1878 gray brown	4.00	1892, 1 peso	.15	" 2c lilac	.60
" 3c " "	.50	" 1881, green	2.50	China 1878, 1c green	1.75	" 10c vermilion	1.50
" 10c " "	6.00	" 1891-2-3-4, each	.25	1878, 3c red	.50	" 12 1/2c black	1.25
" 12c " "	8.00	Postal 1905, blue on cream, rare	2.00	" 5c yellow	.75	15 COLLECTIONS mounted in old Scott's	
" 15c " "	3.50	" 1885, complete (4) set	.75	1897, 20c maroon, unused o. g.	.60	International Albums, running from 1700 to	
" 24c, or 30c, " "	5.00	CONFEDERATE STATES (300 Covers).		" 30c carmine rose, " "	.75	2000 Varieties, many stamps in each book	
Executive 1c, " "	8.00	1891, 5c green on Envelope	.60	" \$1 carmine & rose, " "	3.00	catalog \$1 to \$5 each.	
" 2c, " "	8.00	" 10c blue " "	1.00	" \$2 orange & yell., " "	6.00	EACH ALBUM \$10.00.	
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" 6c (used) " "	12.00	" 5c blue, No. 205 on Envelope	.10	Due 1904, 1/2-10c compl., " "	2.30	19th Century Cloth International Album.	
" 10c (used) " "	8.00	" 10c blue, many shades, " "	.06	Cuba 1869, 20c orange	.20	Belgium and Holland Complete, also other	
Interior 1c, unused o. g.	.25	1861, 5c green, unused O. G.	.75	1869, 40c dull violet	.40	Countries about complete. Catalogued over	
" 2c, " "	.10	" 5c green, used	.60	1870, 40c rose	1.50	\$500.00, price \$69.00.	
" 3c, " "	.50	" 10c blue " "	1.00	1873, 1p red purple	2.00	COLLECTION in Schaubek German Al-	
" 6c, " "	.50	" 15c, " "	.75	1902, 1c on 3c purple	.10	bum Contains 6041 Varieties, strong in	
" 10c, " "	.60	" 24c, " "	1.00	1905, 50c gray and black	.25	German States, etc., Catalog Value be-	
" 12c, " "	.60	" 30c, " "	1.25	Danish West Indies 1855, 3c rose	.30	tween \$700 and \$900, price	\$120.00
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" 24c, " "	1.00	Justice 1c, " "	1.50	1873, 7c " "	.50	old Scott's Album, Catalog about \$300,	
" 30c, " "	1.25	" 3c, " "	2.00	" 12c, unused	.35	price	\$40.00
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" 7c, used, extra fine	8.50	" 12c, " "	1.00	1895, 10c on 50c, unused	.60	Gold \$1 pieces, extra fine, each	2.35
" 12c, " "	1.25	" 24c, " "	1.25	1902, 2c on 3c, unused	.15	Gold \$1/2 Calif. pieces, extra fine, each	.65
" 15c, " "	1.25	" 90c, " "	9.00	" 8c on 10c, unused	.30	Gold \$3/4 Calif. pieces, extra fine, each	.40
" 24c, " "	4.00	State 1c green, " "	2.50	Denmark 1853, 16s lilac	1.50	Silver dollars 1798 or 1799, each	2.80
" 90c, " "	9.00	" 2c " "	5.00	1894, 8s bistre	.50	Silver 1/2 dollars 1807 to 1814, each	.75
Post-Office 1c, unused o. g.	.40	" 6c " "	2.50	" 10s olive	.60	Silver 1/4 dollars 1818 to 1875, each	.50
" 6c, " "	.25	" 10c " "	3.00	1870, 48s brown & lilac	3.00	Silver 1/4 Columbian-Isabella, rare	.75
" 12c, " "	1.00	" 15c, " "	1.25	Official 1871, 16s green	1.00	Silver 1/2 Columbian 1892, rare	.75
" 24c, " "	1.25	" 24c, " "	1.25	Dominica 1874, 1p violet, un'd o. g.	1.75	U. S. FRACTIONAL CURRENCY 1865-75.	
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State 1c green, " "	2.50	" 90c, " "	1.25	1886, 1/2 on 6p green, " "	1.00	10c green (Washington)	.18
" 2c " "	5.00	Treasury 7c brown	1.50	1883, 2 1/2 red brown, " "	5.00	25c brown (5 busts of Jefferson)	.38
" 6c " "	1.00	" 24c " "	3.00	" 4p gray, " "	.50	50c green (5 busts of Washington)	.80
" 7c " "	3.00	" 90c, " "	9.00	" 6p orange, " "	2.50	3c green (bust of Washington)	.35
" 10c " "	3.00	" 1c to 90c Complete	7.20	Dominican Rep., 1865, 1/4 gr., un'd o. g.	2.00	5c green (bust of Clark)	.19
" 12c " "	3.75	" 1c, unused o. g.	1.00	1870, 1/4 yellow, used	1.50	10c green back, bust of Meredith	.18
" 15c " "	3.50	" 2c, " "	.50	1881, 1c-1p (9), unused o. g., set	3.03	15c green back bust of Columbia	.45
" 24c " "	6.00	" 6c, " "	2.50	1900, 1/4-1p map, " "	.90	25c green back, bust of Walker	.32
" 30c " "	5.00	" 10c, " "	3.00	1902, 50c br. & black, inverted	2.00	50c green back, bust of Dexter	.65
" 90c " "	10.00	" 15c, " "	3.50	Dutch Indies due 1882, 75c, un'd o. g.	.60	50c green back, bust of Crawford	.65
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" 2c, " "	.50	" 2c, " "	2.50	" 1 mark yellow brown	6.25		
" 6c, " "	2.50	" 6c, " "	2.50	1875, 8p yellow green	1.00		
" 10c, 12c, " "	.50	" 10c, " "	3.00				
" 15c, " "	.50	" 15c, " "	3.50				
" 30c, " "	.60	" 30c, " "	6.00				
" 90c, " "	2.00	" 90c, " "	9.00				
War 7c, unused o. g.	2.00	" 1894, 12c blue (Ship), " "	.35				
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" 2c, " "	2.50						
" 12c, " "	1.25						

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By WM. L. STEVENSON.

(Continued from page 344.)

The relief lines are forced into the unhardened metal of the plate and displaced metal. This displaced metal "flows" locally into the recesses of the relief, and is raised locally above the level of the surface of the plate. At some point in the vertical motion of the roller, before it reaches 2/100 inch, the recesses of the relief will be filled with metal raised above the plate level, and the full penetration of the relief into the plate will not have been reached. This point depends on the average height of the relief and on the relative area of the design in relief to the area of the design rectangle. It doesn't seem possible that we stop here, but it is well to note that the impression in the plate is approximately three-quarters complete and that at this time there is no extruded metal at the edges of the design except part of that displaced by the marginal lines of the design. The displaced metal will remain above the plate level till the roller's motion has reached 2/100 inch when the cylindrical surface of the roller will be rocking back and forth at the plate surface. The displaced metal will then have no place to go except outside the design where it cannot stay locally ridged on account of the surface of the roller. Steel, however, is not like copper. It is somewhat malleable but has a certain stiffness, or rigidity, or resistance to flowing, I doubt whether we could force the roller surface to the plate level and there rock it with the entire relief impressed in the plate proper without actually deforming the plate by forming a slight bowl a little greater in area than the area of the design. Somewhere between these extremes seems the place to stop. In any case, I see no reason to expect any great amount of displaced metal adjacent to the design to interfere with our process. There must be some. The amount of this metal and the attendant difficulties of plate production have been greatly exaggerated by the "experts." These things must be considered, however, and we want more details regarding them. The relief we have assumed is undoubtedly abnormal and the difficulties would be less in ac-

tual practice than here indicated. How is the motion of the roller controlled and stopped? Is accuracy of depth obtained by direct observation of the workman? Where does the displaced metal go, how much of it is there, and how is it handled? What effect has the displaced metal from one entry on the difficulty of making an adjacent entry? Etc., etc., etc.?

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the direction of the error than the amount of the error are doubled. Lines and areas wider in the direction of the error than the amount of the error are widened. Oblique lines show variations, in degree. Level surfaces in the plate design, as shown in the letter faces of the value label, are reduced in area by the encroachments of the adjacent recesses. Duplication of the bare letter faces themselves, against the solid background around the lettering is impossible. Other stamps, as the 1c of the same issue where the background around the lettering is made up of fine lines, show so called doubling of the lettering. The bare surfaces of the letters are not doubled. What are doubled are the outlines and shadows of the letters. The ink lines are doubled. Specimens of the 10c, 1857, are frequently shown by well known companies as double transfers where the only thing to be noted is an absence of ink. I have seen this stamp noted as existing with the faces of the lettering "slightly repeated just below the letters of value." It does not exist. I have seen such a specimen in one of our largest collections, apparently O. K'd. by an "expert" as a double transfer, which shows, naturally, no indications of doubling of the lines of the design. In the same collection is a beautiful specimen of the No. 2R47 noted above and the contrast is interesting.

SHORT TRANSFERS.

Various statements have been made regarding these errors, most of which are wrong and based on lack of study of the facts. In the 1c, 1851-57, where the "experts" lay at the door of the short transfer most of the shortages at top and bottom, there is very little evidence of anything of the kind except in the early state of plate No. 1 and a few from plate No. 2. The later shortages are intentional and not due to errors in transfer. The shortages in plate No. 1 in its first condition are the only ones later recut as to top and bottom lines. No shortages in later plates of the value were ever so recut.

By short transfer is meant an entry on the plate from the roller in which the latter was not rocked sufficiently far to cover all the intended area and which fails to impress in the plate fully all the relief of the roller. It is easily seen that in the perfect case the shortage must come along a straight line, the line of extreme contact of the plane surface of the plate with the curved surface of the roller. In actual practice this is complicated somewhat but not greatly. In specimens where a short transfer is to be noted, the extreme lines fade out at the limit as would be expected. The top line in the 1c referred to is seldom fully broken. It is generally faint, apparently from being impressed in the plate so slightly that it held but a thin film of ink to go to the paper. Study of these shortages from these early plates is complicated by the fact that one of the two reliefs on the roller was short its top right corner and these shortages are naturally confused with those from short transfer by those who have not studied all the facts, and faulty conclusions are naturally drawn from the incorrect and incomplete observations.

On the whole, I should say that a specimen of any issue which is certainly short from short transfer alone is a real rarity.

WORN PLATES.

We have numerous statements about these also. On requesting information from several collectors, I found that the idea generally held, where there was any idea at all, was that plate wear was due solely to a gradual rubbing away, in wiping surplus ink from the plate with a rag, of a thin layer of the hardened steel extending over the entire plate, thus making the lines more shallow till they could not retain the ink against the wiping of the rag, and failed wholly or partly to print. This may be possible to some extent but I am afraid it would take some time to wear away a measurable layer of the surface metal. From study of the few specimens certainly from worn plates, I believe that most of the wear that makes it necessary to make new plates comes at the edges made by the junction of the level surface of the plate with the sides of the recesses. By this edge wear and small breakages, these lines are made relatively more shallow and the edges become more rounded instead of abrupt, till the lines fail to control the ink as they should. Some stamp lines are broken or missing. Some lines are wider than normal. We frequently find lines which are irregular at their edges, instead of clearly cut as in the first condition of the plate. I am satisfied that these details can be so described, in words of one syllable if necessary, that all of us can understand just what plate wear is, if someone will truly investigate and not simply guess.

NOTE.—Plate wear MUST be gradual. If we have a specimen from any period from any plate, which shows unmistakable signs of plate wear, we must be able to construct a series showing gradual deterioration of that plate. After 1860, most specimens which I have seen ascribed to plate wear are specimens where there is an absence of ink, to put it simply, which might be due to any one of a number of causes or to several at once. (See also later.)

MULTIPLE ROLLERS.

Having noted the effect of the level surfaces of the die on the roller in forcing back extruded metal, it seems quite possible that if we tried to take a second relief on the same roller with the narrow intervals of the early 1851 stamps we might find that the level surface of the die had, in making the second relief, flattened out the adjacent parts of the first relief. In the early use of the double roller, I have been unable to find distinct evidence on this point. In the use of the later four relief roller there is sufficient evidence that the successive reliefs were not so taken directly from the die to the roller. Instead, they took off a single relief roller and with this produced a plate of four designs in a vertical strip, an auxiliary multiple die. From this they had little difficulty in obtaining

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a four relief roller at one operation, with designs properly arranged and spaced. I might say in this connection that I have still to see any evidence of use of a five relief roller and that the evidence of use of the four relief roller is definite and conclusive.

Recently, in talking over these rollers with a collector, he suggested that if a two relief roller had been used on the early 1c, 1851 from plates No. 1 and No. 2, there should be no short transfers. It took me some time to get his idea which I finally found to be that the roller would in that case have been rolled continuously from top to bottom of each row without having to be raised and re-placed. This hardly requires much thought. The stamp design is about one inch high. A two relief roller for such continuous rolling would have to be so small that the two reliefs covered the entire circumference, with normal intervals in two places, about two inches in circumference and only about 1/3 of that in diameter. To my mind, the size of the roller is fixed by the curve that can be used most economically without getting too large a roller to handle. On a roller with this curvature, either one, two, or more reliefs were made at the proper intervals, the one, the two, or the four reliefs not covering the entire circumference. It is

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a certainty that the two relief roller was raised and re-positioned for each entering. It is also certain that the four relief roller was so raised after entering the top four rows and placed separately for the next four rows, instead of entering the top eight rows at one continuous performance. It requires but little thought to note the almost impossibility, even with modern tools and methods, of making a roller with any number of reliefs which could at one placing roll in one set of designs and then repeat. I would again repeat that the statement that a five relief roller was used for any plate of the 1c, 1851-57 and that this was rolled continuously from top to bottom of the plate, is not based on either observed or deduced facts and is a very haphazard guess based on slight study and faulty observation.

(To be continued.)

THE WISCONSIN STAMP SOCIETY.

By G. A. CHANDLER.

The Wisconsin Philatelic Society, which has been in the process of organization for half a year, held its first regular meeting in the Madison Free Library Building, October 2. A constitution was adopted and the following officers elected: George A. Chandler, Madison, President; Richard Marshall, Madison, Vice-President; Geo. Crownhart, Madison, Secretary-Treasurer; Lowell Ragatz, Prairie du Sac, Sales and Exchange Mgr.

Although the society has only a dozen active members at present, there are a large number of interested collectors throughout the state who, no doubt, will soon join us.

The advantages of the society are in general the same as those of any similar organization, but the aim in particular is to interest the younger, less experienced, and less well-to-do classes of collectors. These collectors can best be reached by a more local and cheaper society than the A. P. S., with which we do not intend to run in opposition. Beside the Library and Sales and Exchange Department, a department for answering the beginners' question, has been inaugurated.

All collectors over fifteen years who are resident in the state of Wisconsin are eligible for membership and such persons are requested to communicate with the secretary.

CARRANZA (MEX.) PROVISIONALS.

By CHAS. T. SKAINS.

Referring to my letter in regard to the Mexican Constitutionalist stamps, have this date received the following, 1c light green, 2c blue, 5c brown, 10c red brown, 20c green, 50c light blue, 5 peso carmine.

I am informed that these stamps are destined to become scarce owing to the fact that but very few have been printed and the use of same is quite limited, they being used locally only.

The stamps that I have just received have a perforated bottom similar to those of Belgium the bottom being one half by one inch and bearing this inscription "CENT 20 AVOS—EJERCITO CONSTITUCIONALIST—MEXICO" in three lines.

In Mexico these stamps are known as Carranzas.

DEATH OF JOHN ALEXANDER TILLEARD.

We deeply regret to have to record the death on Monday, September 22, of Mr. J. A. Tilleard, M. V. O., the distinguished philatelist who has had charge for many years of the stamp collections of His Majesty the King.

Mr. Tilleard was known to a very large number of philatelists as the Honorary Secretary of the Royal Philatelic Society, and in his capacity as adviser to the King on matters philatelic. A man of great tact, he enjoyed the confidence of King George, and his able conduct of the affairs of the Philatelic Society contributed in no small measure to the distinction which was conferred upon that institution by the late King in promoting it to the status of a royal society.

Mr. Tilleard joined the Philatelic Society on March 18, 1887, and in the following session was appointed to serve on the Committee. Two years later he succeeded the late Mr. Douglas Garth as assistant honorary secretary, and since 1894 he has been the honorary secretary.

On a number of occasions Mr. Tilleard had the honour of exhibiting portions of the royal collections on behalf of His Majesty at the society's meetings, and in reading papers or communications concerning the stamps thus displayed. He was not a contributor to philatelic literature on any large scale; his chief published researches be-

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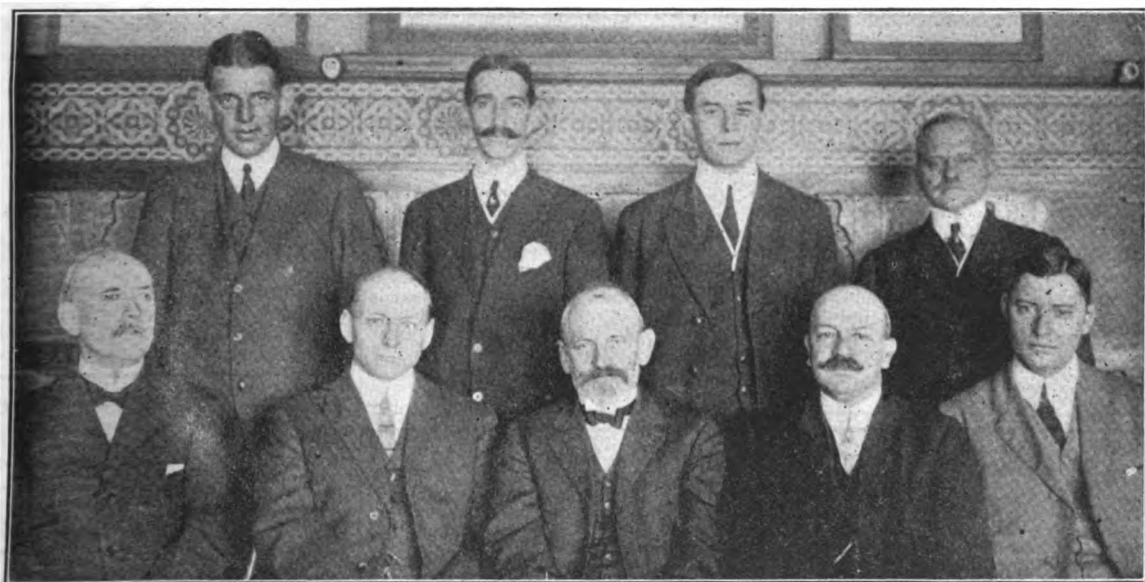
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ing the "Notes on the De La Rue Series of the Adhesive Postage and Telegraph Stamps of India," published in 1896 as a supplement to the Philatelic Society's work in the stamps of British India and Ceylon. The supplement was remarkable in that it first brought to light the re-engraving of the dies of the early De La Rue stamps of India.

The Royal Society loses a valued guide, philosopher and friend in Mr. Tilleard, and his place will be no easy one to fill.

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EDITORIAL

Philately's Wealth—The great International Philatelic Exhibition at New York is an amazing revelation of the resources of philately both to the collector and the general public alike; and the impression that the Exhibition will make will be an almost indelible one. The successful opening of the grand entertainment is a cause of much gratification to all philatelists and in due course, we shall give the details of the occasion so that those who were not privileged to see for themselves may hear it all through the WEEKLY. The New York newspapers have been liberal in their treatment of the Exhibition and the full-page illustrated article in the *Times* was a welcome tribute to the occasion.

The Cynosure—New York is the center of the philatelic universe for the time being and even Africa is represented among the visitors. The Exhibition presents an imposing scene as the rendezvous of collectors from home and from abroad; and the events of the week as a setting for the main feature, the Exhibition, will live in philatelic history. Fortunate are the collectors who did not stand on the order of going to New York but went; they are well repaid for the time spent at philately's shrine.

Our Special—The Special Exhibition Number of the WEEKLY was received cordially and we have reason to believe that it was not without its influence in making the visitors who may have been untutored in a philatelic sense feel that their visit was worth while. In fact, as a souvenir of the Exhibition, the special number will be kept for a time at least by those who had no conception of the publishing side of our pursuit. We are grateful for the commendations that have been received and are pleased to think we have been instrumental in contributing to the significance of the event.

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It Looks Right—From Charles A. Nast, Denver, Colorado, we have received a copy of a sanitary fair stamp that has been unnoticed hitherto in print. In our little book on the sanitary fair stamps of the civil war period, published a year or so ago, there appears under Stamford, Connecticut, the explanation: "Probably wood cut, violet brown. Fifteen cents." The design of the Stamford stamp that we are well acquainted with is a representation of a soldier on guard, with the tented field in the background, and above in a curved bannerette are the words: "Soldiers Fair." At top is "Stamford" and below, "Fifteen Cents." The label that Mr. Nast has sent is blue on green paper, a color scheme striking rather than harmonious. An examination of the stamp and a comparison with the genuine Stamford shows the stamp to have been printed from the same block or stone as the Stamford that collectors know. The label before us is canceled characteristically with a home-made obliteration; and it is our belief that this stamp is eligible for inclusion in future lists of the sanitary fair stamps. Mr. Nast can supply only the following information on the subject: "I do not know anything of the history of it except that it came out of a lot of letter-sheets and envelopes from Harper & Brothers, New York."

Never Circulated—When stamps of the 1861 issue, United States, pasted on strips of paper, were authorized by the Treasury Department for use as currency in consequence of the disappearance of specie at the outbreak of the Civil War, it was not long before attempts were made to provide protective coverings for the stamps. The Gault method of encasing is well known but we have before us a rectangular sheet of thin metal, with the edges at top and bottom turned forward so as to hold in place a piece of mica, under which are three unused 3 cent stamps of the 1861 issue. These stamps are imperforate at sides but they are perforated at top and bottom as we find by prying up the over-lapping edges of the metal. Further, we find that the stamps are backed by a little card on which is the injunction: "The dearest meat you ever bought is that your neighbor gave for naught." On the back of the case, the American eagle is stamped, flanked with many curlicues. We have been given to understand that this emergency money was never actually issued by the Treasury Department, although it was prepared for use. What impresses the philatelist, however, is that the stamps, in this case, are imperforate at sides but not at top and bottom when it seems as

though it should have been more convenient to have inserted the stamps in the cover, if imperforate at top and bottom. We suppose that the stamps, originally perforated, were clipped but why they should have been clipped as described, by the Treasury Department is a matter for conjecture. The stamps in question are most beautiful impressions, rivaling those of proofs of early prints.

Settled for a While—We have heard the question asked particularly since the advent of the automatic stamp vending machines if it is not illegal to charge five cents for four 1 cent or two 2 cent stamps, for instance. On one occasion recently, a philatelic writer said that if the law was really strictly enforced, stamp dealers would not be allowed to charge more than face value for any United States stamps, unused, that are valid for postage. It is noticed that the Hon. D. A. Campbell, postmaster of Chicago, when asked if it was lawful to sell United States postage stamps at a profit made this formal answer: "It is not unlawful for any person not in the service of the government to sell postage stamps for more or less than their face value; but persons in the service of the government cannot under the law sell postage stamps for any other price than their face value."

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THE STEINMETZ EXHIBIT.

Joseph A. Steinmetz informs us that he intends to publish a pamphlet for free distribution at the Stamp Exhibition descriptive of the exhibit that he will enter for the Visitors' Cup. We have seen advance proofs of this pamphlet and have no hesitancy in urging our readers to give the Steinmetz exhibit an examination. We find it described as follows:—

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Greece "Provisional" 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 40, 50, 1dr unused	.75	French Guinea 1913, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 unused	.09
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Turks Isl. 1913, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 6d, 1s	.85	Africa Equit. 1, 2, 4, 5, 10	.09
Turkey 2, 5, 10, 20p, 1, 2, 5pi	.60	Martinique 1, 2, 4, 5, 10	.09
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THE GERM OF A COLOR CHART.

By LOUIS G. BARRETT.

(Continued from page 359.)

The recently issued set of the Republic of Portugal adds some further fine self colors to the chart; barring, however, the values above 15c which are on tinted papers, which affects the purity of the colors. For the low values the list is as below:

1/4c brown-olive; the color of the ripe fruit.

1/2c black.

1c chrome green No. 3; a bluish green.

1 1/2c chocolate; a light purple-brown.

2c Carmine; a fine example.

2 1/2c dull violet; same as France 35c.

5c Prussian blue.

7 1/2c amber; about midway in tone between the raw and burnt pigments.

8c Payne's gray; or slate.

10c Rubens' madder; a brownish-orange.

15c Indian lake; almost a magenta.

In the set for Switzerland 1908-10, there are several further additions to be considered, namely:

2c bitumen; pale shades; too yellow to be called bistre.

3c dull violet.

5c chrome green, No. 2; a medium green.

20c scarlet-vermilion; (vermilion plus a pale yellow tint).

25c Prussian blue.

30c raw amber; (plus a pale green tint).

40c Type I; mineral violet (plus a yellow tint). The lighter tints of this color might be called lilac.

40c Type II; mauve (plus a yellow tint).

50c Prussian green; (plus a pale green tint).

70c Mars violet; (plus a pale yellow tint); a purple-brown.

1fr deen carmine; (plus a pale green tint).

3fr bitumen; (plus a pale yellow tint).

In the above lists practically all of the commoner colors met with are included, but there remain several which to many persons are difficult to identify, and as good examples of these which can be procured at a reasonable outlay, the following may be mentioned,—

Ultramarine—A blue with a reddish tone; 4c U. S. Columbian issue; Bosnia, 12h 1912; Crete, 25l of 1905.

Emerald—A green with a bluish tone; Norway No. 36b; the 50 stamp of 1883-4 is a good example.

Mauve—Italy, 50c of 1901 and Portugal 80r of 1895-6.

Bistre—The various shades of the 2c Swiss of 1882-1905 are good examples.**Lilac**—France 30c of 1902 (Scott's type A-19) is a cheap stamp in this color.

With these additions to the chart it should not be a difficult matter to determine with considerable certainty the correct color of a doubtful specimen. If, however, the exact shade is unmatchable in the standards named, it must be remembered that the addition of black to a pigment produces darker gradations in a color called *shades*; white similarly, white added gives the lighter tones called *tints*. Also that in a mixed color; that is one compounded of two or more of the primaries, if one of the pigments predominates it gives its name to the resulting color; as red-orange, an orange in which red overpowers the yellow; while yellow-orange is just the opposite, the yellow dominating the shade; so that in all these compounded shades so numerous used the second word of the hyphenated name should be the color with the preceding word as its modifying adjective.

A neutral tint is made by the dilution of black with white, giving gray, and it may be either a warm or cold neutral as either red, yellow, or blue (the three "primaries") may be added to the gray; and if a neutral is added to a pure pigment the result is a dulling of that color which in most cases is so baffling to describe.

It is hoped that these notes may be the incentive to some one "color inclined" to make selections from the commoner stamps which have a fixed character and so arrange them in a carefully graded scale that by its publication anyone could readily duplicate it at small expense and thereby have easily accessible a real color chart, and that the color terms in the catalogues be revised to more nearly approximate these standards than is now the case.

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"Stamps of the Levant Postoffices" is the latest publication in Bright's Philatelic Library. Vol. III is from the pen of D. B. Armstrong. It covers the field of the article by R. E. R. Dalwigk appearing in the WEEKLY for October 11, but in addition is nicely illustrated and contains as well pictures of the several postoffices referred to. The book is uniform with the two preceding volumes. Subscribers so desiring can obtain copies from the office of the WEEKLY, price 20c.

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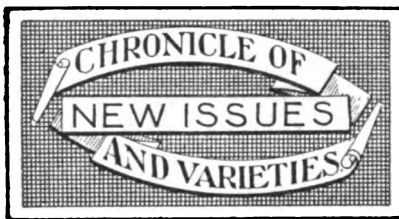
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Belgium, 40c New type.....	.12	India, 15r.....	5.52	St. Vincent Pictorial design, 2sh, .56; 5sh, \$1.38; 10sh, \$2.76.....	7.46
Br. Honduras, \$1, \$1.50; \$2, \$2.40; \$5, \$5.76.....	9.36	Service, 2a, .08; 6a, .18.....	.28	Seychelles, 6c, .04; 12c, .06; 18c, .08; 30c, .14; 45c, .20; 75c, .28.....	.80
Chamba, Service, ½a, .02; ½a, .02.....	.04	Jaipur States, Lithographed, perforated, ½a, .02; 1a, .12.....	.14	Siam, 5b, \$2.10; 1b, \$4.20; 20b, \$8.40.....	14.70
China, Waterlow overprint, 3c, .04; 4c, .04; 7c, .06; 16c, .12.....	.26	Jamaica, 4d red and orange.....	.12	South, 1a on 4a, Wove paper.....	.10
20c, 14; 30c, .20; 50c, .30; \$2, \$1.20.....	1.84	Kishengarh, ½a blue rouletted.....	.02	1a on 4a Laid paper.....	.08
Unpaid, Waterlow overprint, 1c, .02; 30c, .20.....	.22	Levant, ½d new type.....	.02	3 pies on 1a green.....	.08
Permanent issue, \$5.....	3.12	1pi on 2½d, .08; 1½pi on 3d, .08; 1½pi on 4d, .10.....	.26	S. Nigeria, 1d, .04; 2d, .06; 4d, .12.....	.22
Cyprus, 2pi blue and purple.....	.08	Montenegro, 35 paras.....	.10	Spain, 4 pesetas, .06; 10 pesetas, \$2.28.....	3.24
Dutch Indies, ½c, .02; 2½c, .02.....	.04	P. Indies, Surcharged "Republica" 2½r, .02; 4t, .12.....	.14	Straits, 1c, .02; 8c, .08.....	.10
Fr. Guineas, 1c to 1fr.....	Set of 14 1.04	Patania, ½a, .02; 2a, .06.....	.08	Sweden, Official, 4 ore, .02; 20 ore, .08.....	.10
2frs, .48; 5frs, \$1.20.....	1.68	Paraguay, 1c, .02; 2c, .02; 5c, .02; 10c, .04; 20c, .04; 40c, .08.....	.32	Trinidad and Tobago, 1d, .04; 2½d, .08; 4d, .12; 6d, .16; 1sh, .28.....	.68
Gold Coast, 2sh Chalk surfaced paper, King Edward.....	.72	1p, .16; 1.25p, .20; 3p, .48.....	.84	Turks Islands, ½d, .02; 1d, .04; 2d, .06; 2½d, .08; 3d, .08; 4d, .12.....	.40
Greece, New issue, New design, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 40, 50l.....	Set of 9 1.44	Portugal, Commemorative stamps, 1c, .02; 2c, .04.....	.06	6d, .16; 1sh, .28; 2sh, .56; 3sh, .84.....	1.84
1, 2, 3d.....	Set of 3 9.36	Rhodesia, ½d, .02; 1d, .04; 2d, .06; 2½d, .08; 3d, .08; 4d, .10; 5d, .12.....	.50	Union of Sth. Africa, ½d, .02; 1d, .04; 2d, .06; 2½d, .08; 3d, .08; 4d, .12.....	.40
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge lists the following new precancels:

Boston, Mass.—(No. 1164) 1c, 1913, San Francisco, 1c inverted.

New York, N. Y.—Same as (No. 1164) except that the letters are a little heavier, and a trifle taller. 5c 1910.

New York, N. Y.—Two lines, NEW YORK—N. Y., horizontal inscription in Italian capitals with serifs, between lines 11 mm. apart and 2 mm. thick, letters 3 mm. high. 3c, 4c, 1913, Parcel Post.

Kansas City, Mo.—(No. 1169) 4c 1913, Parcel Post.

Chicago, Ill.—(No. 1153) 3c, 20c, 1913 Parcel Post.

Toledo, Ohio—Horizontal inscription (TOLEDO—OHIO) between two lines 14 mm. apart, lines 1 mm. thick, sans serif capitals, 2 mm. high. 2c 1912.

Dayton, Ohio—Horizontal inscription (DAYTON—OHIO) between two lines 14½ mm. apart, lines ¾ mm. thick, letters with serifs, 2 mm. in height. 1c 1912.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Horizontal inscription (PHILADELPHIA—PA) between two lines, 12 mm. apart, lines 1¼ mm. thick, sans serif capitals 2½ mm. high.

Boston, Mass.—(No. 1164) 1c 1913, San Francisco.

H. M. Norton writes as follows:

"I have received today a 10c Panama-Pacific in a pronounced orange, on mail originating at some California office. This shade was announced some months ago as a coming stamp, and as being so different from the first issue in color as to warrant calling it an additional stamp in the series. Since then I have seen no mention of it anywhere,—except possibly that it was evidently not to be issued. We were informed locally at our Post Office last week that the Washington office had just advised our office that no such stamps had been issued to them for dis-

tribution. Now up crops California with exactly the stamp that 'has not been issued.' You may possibly have seen copies of it, and this will then be of no interest to you. Otherwise you may care to know they are out."

ABYSSINIA.—The stamps of 1909 have been converted into postage due stamps by surcharging them with a large round cornered triangle, containing the usual native word and a large "T".

CEYLON.—Edwin F. Sawyer has shown us new envelopes and wrappers, with portrait of King George.

Envelope.

6c red on cream.

Registration Envelope.

10c pale rose on cream; two sizes.

Wrappers.

5c olive on gray.

6c red on gray.

CHINA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us further values in the new series, the \$1 and \$10 being in the design of the \$5 previously chronicled, the 6c and 8c like the 1c and 3c, but the 15c is in a different design, showing a coolie working in a rice field, with a temple in the distance. The inscriptions are the same as the other values, but the heads of rice are worked into the supporting pillars.

Adhesives.

6c dark olive.

8c orange red.

15c brown.

\$1 yellow brown and black.

\$10 green and black.

We are also indebted to R. Hartmann for information regarding the new Chinese stamps. The "Junk" type shows the Yellow River bridge in the background, with a train of cars passing. Mr. Hartmann's correspondent favors the belief that Japan's work in China will work good "in the end, as the Republic is not secure."

COLOMBIA.—Antioquia.—Jacob J. Groh submits a specimen of the 3c of 1902, with a large colorless defect at the lower right of the central figure.

Medellin.—Champion's Bulletin reports having seen the 1c, Scott's No. 411, in brown instead of purple.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.—A new registration envelope has been issued for this Colony, with portrait of King George, on very thin colored paper. Edwin F. Sawyer has shown us a specimen.

Registration Envelope.

6c on blue gray.

ENGLISH COLONIES.—Whitfield King & Co. send us samples of the new colored papers for Colonial stamps, and write as follows: "We have received some news which we think will create a

good deal of a stir among collectors. De La Rue & Co. are using an entirely new kind of paper for stamps printed on coloured paper. This paper instead of being coloured throughout is now perfectly white on the back, only the surface being coloured. The only stamps we have as yet seen on this new paper are the Jamaica 3d and Ceylon 2 rupees, both of which are on yellow paper. In both these cases the old stamps, yellow on both sides, are completely exhausted and we have no doubt they will become scarce, especially the Ceylon, the stock of which was mostly used for Revenue purposes. We believe you would find very few copies in dealers' shops in London. Whether the red, green or blue paper is to be similarly altered we do not yet know, but we should think it probable. The new St. Lucia 4d King George, recently chronicled, is also on this new paper, but it has not been previously issued on the yellow paper."

FRANCE.—Offices in Turkey.—The 15c Dedeagh stamp, Scott's Type A4, has been issued in a new printing and a new color, a copy having been shown us by William L. Aldrich & Co.

Adhesives.

15c orange.

Offices in Egypt.—A similar change is noted in the 15c of Alexandria, and evidently this marks a definite change in French Colonial printing.

GOLD COAST.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 3d on the new yellow-faced paper.

GREECE.—According to Champion's Bulletin the 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 20 lepta postage due stamps have been lithographed in the 1902 design.

GUATEMALA.—Jacob J. Groh has shown us the 2c on 50c of 1912, with the "1912" in the upper right corner showing a figure "1" under the "2."

HAYTI.—Whitfield King & Co. add the following to the list of new printings from the 1906 design:

Adhesives.

50c yellow.

1pi orange.

HONDURAS.—Two more values have come to hand in the new set, the 5c and 10c values having already been chronicled. Specimens in used form of the 6c and 20c values have been shown us by William L. Aldrich & Co. The 6c is in the type of the 5c as previously described, and the 20c in the type of the 10c.

Adhesives.

6c black.

20c red brown.

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100 British Col. and 1000 Foreign, 20c. D. L. CURRAN, 66 Thorp St., Binghamton, N. Y. [tf]

China Postage Issue, 1902-07, \$5 myrtle green and pale rose, obsolete, Scott No. 87. Catalogue \$2.00, our price \$1.00. JUN KOBAYAGAWA CO., Box 214, Yokohama, Japan. [92]

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"Roessler's Stamp News" No. 54, mails about Nov. 3. If you want a bunch of "exclusive" Nicaragua (you know—the sort most dealers are "out of"), kick in with 25c for a year's subscription. Also has some unused Colonials at 5% over face; some one-tenth Scott's 1914 prices; Afghanistan for 12c, etc. No free samples. A. C. ROESSLER, 10 1/2 Clay St., Newark, N. J. [92]

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NEW PAPER FOR BRITISH STAMPS.

Collectors of Georgian Colonials who have taken all values as they have appeared at new issue rates may have reason to congratulate themselves, as we learn from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., of an important development in connection with the manufacture of stamps printed in accordance with the Colonial Colour Scheme. It appears that the latest issues of stamps on coloured papers, emanating from the De La Rue factory, are produced by an entirely new process, the paper itself being merely coloured on the face, and not dyed completely through, as was the case with that hitherto employed. At present only the yellow paper is effected, but it is anticipated that the innovation will be extended in the near future to the red, blue and green coloured papers also. New printings of the 3d Jamaica and 2 rupees Ceylon just to hand, are in both cases on this surface tinted paper, the underside of the stamp being perfectly white. It is said that the stocks of these two stamps on the old yellow dyed paper are entirely exhausted, and in consequence they are likely to attain some scarcity, particularly the 2 rupees Ceylon, which was most extensively employed for revenue purposes.—Stamp Collecting.

NEWS CLEANINGS.

—The New York members of the National Philatelic Society will give a complimentary dinner to its visiting members, Friday, October 31, at 6.30 P. M. Information can be obtained from Mr. M. Ohlman, 75 Nassau St.

—The Pacific Philatelic Society met October 15, being preceded by a dinner at Jules, 675 Market Street. Displays of Norway and Sweden were made.

—H. Wesley Legg has removed from Pepperell to Dorchester Centre Sta., Mass., and he can be addressed at the latter place for the winter.

—It is probable that Major H. A. Bandholtz, infantry, unassigned, recently relieved from duty as chief of the Philippine constabulary, with headquarters at Manila, P. I., will be assigned to the command of the Third battalion of the Ninth Infantry, with station at the Little Rock, Ark., post.

Free: Packet No. 3, cat value \$1.00 will be given free to applicants for 50% appr. sheets. 2 cents postage.

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25 Denmark (various), cat. 35c .10
15 Canada, cat. 27c .10
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18 Switzerland (var.) cat. 30c .10
12 Finland, cat. 27c .10
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70 % dis. for approvals; send ref. WEISS, 1499 Third Av., New York City. [tf]

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Unused Parcel Post, 50c, 75c and \$1.00, set for \$2.50. Separately, 20% over face value. U. S. stamps bought. Send for inspection and get offer. HARRY SEELING, Blaine, Wash. [92]

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES.

(Continued from page 370.)

HUNGARY.—Mr. Schachne has received the new domestic reply card. *Post Card.*
5x3½ light green on buff.

ICELAND.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that no more stamps of the last issue, with portrait of King Frederick VIII. are to be issued, but the stocks are to remain on sale until sold out. Those already exhausted are the 3a, 5a and 10a. The previous issues, with two portraits, will continue in use until the new stamps, with portrait of Christian X., are issued.

INDIA.—*Jaipur.*—Whitfield King & Co. send us a specimen of the ¼a in the new design Scott's A4, with the following information: "The stamp is printed by Thacker & Co. of Bombay, in sheets of 144, comprised of 12 panes of 12 stamps each. Ten sheets in our consignment were found with one of the panes inverted, the remainder being in the normal condition. A few sheets of this ¼ anna were printed in green by mistake, and a few were placed on sale, but when the error was discovered the remaining stock was withdrawn and burnt."

Cochin.—The stamps of the current issue have been overprinted "On C. G. S." for official use, according to Whitfield King & Co. The values so overprinted are the 4p green, 9p carmine, 2a gray, 3a vermilion, 6a violet, 12a blue, 1½r dark green. There appears to be some doubt of the existence of the high values without the service surcharge.

Nabha.—W. T. Wilson has shown us the 3p, ½a, 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 6a, 8a, 12a, and 1r ordinary India postage stamps, surcharged "Nabha—State" in two lines; and the 3p, ½a, 1a, 2a and 8a, with additional surcharge of "Service" for official use.

Gwalior.—W. T. Wilson sends the 4a and 8a ordinary postage surcharged "Gwalior" in English and also with the usual single line of Hindi characters. Mr. Wilson also sends the 3p, ½a and 1a stamps surcharged with two lines of Hindi for official use.

MACAO.—The new permanent set has been issued for this Colony, and specimens have been shown us by William L. Aldrich & Co., Whitfield King & Co. and The New England Stamp Co. The design is practically the same as the current series for the home country. The changes are that the value appears in tablets, instead of being cut into the background: the word "Correio" is cut into the background at the right, in small letters reading up. The name of the Colony, with a star at each end, is printed at the bottom, in the place occupied by "Correio" on the Portugal stamps. The stamps are perforated 15x14.

Adhesives.

- 1a olive brown.
- 1a black.
- 2a blue green.
- 4a carmine.
- 5a chocolate.
- 6a pale violet.
- 10a dark blue.
- 12a yellow brown.
- 16a slate.
- 20a orange brown.
- 40a plum.
- 58a violet brown on green.
- 76a brown on pink.
- 1p orange on salmon.
- 3p green on blue.

MARTINIQUE.—Jacob J. Groh calls attention to the fact that Scott fails to mention that the 15c blue of 1892 is printed on quadrille paper.

PERSIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the first of the new series, the design being the same as the 1911 series, but with colors changed.

Adhesive.

- 6c green and red violet.

Champion's Bulletin notes that the 2c, 3c and 6c of the 1909 series have been surcharged "Relais," and that 1c, 2c, 6c, 9c and 10c of the same series have been surcharged "Service."

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—William L. Aldrich & Co. have shown us another

value in the split provisionals, the 4½t of 1911, surcharged "Republica" being perforated vertically, each half being surcharged "1½ Reis."

Provisional Adhesive.

- On surcharged issue of 1911.
- "1½ Reis" on 4½t light green.

RIO DE ORO.—According to *Champion's Bulletin* the 3p of 1907 has been surcharged "10 centimos" in two lines, and also "Habilitado—para—15 cents" in three lines in an oval frame.

Provisional Adhesives.

- 10c on 3p green.
- 15c on 3p green.

ROUMANIA.—A large square label without value has been shown us by William L. Aldrich & Co. It is reported that the committee charged with the creation of a medal to commemorate the annexation of the city of Silistria to Roumania, has secured a concession from the Government to allow its correspondence to pass through the mails free. Therefore the issue of this label which has no face value, and is not available for public use.

SEYCHELLES.—A new King George registration envelope for this Colony has been shown us by Edwin F. Sawyer.

Registration Envelope.

- 12c dark blue.

SIAM.—Jacob J. Groh sends us a copy of the "1 Att" on 64a, Scott's No. 34 with an inverted "V" in place of the "A."

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the ½d stamp, surcharged "Official" in small Gothic type.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us further values in the new series for this Colony. The Watermark shows the head of a springbok or antelope.

Adhesives.

- ¼d green.
- 1d scarlet.
- 2d lilac.
- 2½d dark ultramarine.
- 3d vermilion and black.
- 4d yellow green and orange.
- 6d violet and black.
- 1sh orange.
- 2sh 6d green and purple.
- 5sh blue and claret.
- 10sh olive green and blue.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Hugo Kuenstler (2), T. W. Williamson, Russell L. Stultz (4), Wm. F. La Force and David Hurwitz.

—We have received H. F. Colman's 1914 List, containing considerable valuable information. We note for instance the number issued of the several department stamps, which is of itself of sufficient importance to make the book a valuable addition to one's list of philatelic accessories. It is a pamphlet of 64 pages.

—V. D. Angerman, editor of the *Youth's Magazine*, commends the attitude of the WEEKLY as regards dishonest discounts in the November issue of his paper and pledges hearty co-operation.

—H. E. Huber, 5913 Rippey St., Pittsburgh, Pa., is engaged in writing up the stamps of the Cayman Islands and will be pleased to hear from any specialist in the stamps of these islands.

—George R. Tuttle is to sell the M. A. Lesser collection November 7 and 8, at his office in N. Y. City. It is a large general collection.

—The well-known Madrid dealer, Miguel Galvez, is to attend the New York Exhibition. There will be a notable gathering of collectors and dealers from Europe at New York.

—Rev. G. E. Richter sends us a lengthy clipping from the Hartford (Ct.) *Courant*, giving the particulars of the celebration of a half century of business by Silas Chapman, Jr., of that city. The article is accompanied by a picture of Mr. Chapman and concerning his hobby it states that "he has the finest and most complete private collection in the state, comprising 35,000 varieties."

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—The appearance on September 1st of the stamps of the Union of South Africa wipes out Cape Colony, Natal, Transvaal and the Orange River Colony from the list of current stamp issuing states. This year has also witnessed the displacement of six Australian States from the same list in favour of one general series of stamps for the Australian Commonwealth.—*Postage Stamp.*

—The doings of the International Philatelic Company of Sheffield, England, have already been exploited in our columns. Some of our contemporaries very kindly inserted the firm's advertising without making any inquiry as to its reliability. The result was the victimizing of a number of collectors. We have received from Hamilton C. Macdougall full particulars justifying the charges laid at the door of this firm.

—"Will you ask the readers of the WEEKLY to write descriptions of different methods of keeping records of stamp collections? I know many collectors keep an accurate account of their stamps, the price paid, when, and of whom bought, and the catalogue values for successive years. I think some articles along this line would be interesting to many of your readers.—CATANO FRATUS.

—We have received from W. R. Ricketts Parts 7, 8 and 9 of his Philatelic Literature Bibliography List. It comprises pages 61 to 90 and the work is still in its infancy. It is certainly a monument to the energy and ability of its author, Mr. Ricketts.

—We are advised that the "Stamp Collectors Club of New Bedford" has been formed, eight being present at the organization meeting. The officers of the club are as follows:—Henry J. Knowles, president; Wm. H. Tilton, vice-president; and T. Wilson Williamson, secretary-treasurer. There is a goodly number of stamp collectors in New Bedford and we wish the club a large measure of success.

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of thousands of used and unused stamps
whose total estimated market value is
more than \$2,000,000, were all in place
when the doors were opened to the pub-
lic.

The attendance was greater than even
the most enthusiastic of the exhibi-
tion's officers expected, and unstinted
praise was bestowed on the immense
variety and attractiveness of the show.
The women visitors were almost as
numerous as the men.

Henry J. Duveen's fine specimens of
the unused one penny and two pence
"Post Office" Mauritius, the original
issues of this British colony, were
among the strongest magnets to the
crowd of sight-seers. The value of
each of these stamps is variously esti-
mated at from \$9,000 to \$12,000. There
is only one other unused copy of the one
penny known, and it is in the private
collection of M. Philippe le Renetiere of
Paris. Other Duveen rarities, which at-
tracted much attention, were the British
Guiana issues, including the two copies
of the provisional issue of 1856 on blue
surfaced paper, and two copies on dark
blue "sugar" paper. Mr. Duveen's rare
Genevas were another feature.

The magnificent collection of United
States and Confederate stamps owned
by George H. Worthington of Cleve-
land, Ohio, also elicited heartiest praise.
Among them was the Alexandria, black
on blue, the value of which is between
\$9,000 and \$10,000.

Included in the other exhibits were
the stamps of Great Britain owned by
Sydney Loder of London and valued
at \$100,000; Charles Lathrop Pack's
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Ernest R. Ackerman's \$25,000 collection
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specimens; Clarence E. Chapman's
United States Postmaster Carrier and

Local stamps, valued at \$80,000, and
Dudley L. Pickman's miscellaneous
stamps, worth \$150,000.

D. Field of London made the interest-
ing announcement that he had brought
to this country the original plate from
which the first Mauritius stamps were
printed, and which is estimated to be
worth \$50,000. It is owned by Sydney
Loder, whose intention is to present it
to the British Museum, on condition
that a reprint of this stamp shall never
be made from the plate.

Among the visitors were F. J. Mel-
ville of London, editor of various phil-
atelic journals and President of one of
the leading stamp associations of Great
Britain; L. L. Hausberg, also of Lon-
don, and A. G. Heaton, President of
the New York Numismatic Association.
Mr. Heaton is the artist from whose
paintings the fifty-cent Columbian stamp
and the ten-cent Omaha stamp were en-
graved. He said that the exhibition
was the finest of its kind that he had
ever seen.

In the evening the official opening
exercises were held in the auditorium of
the building. Addresses were made by
Julius C. Morgenthau, Chairman of the
Executive Committee; George H. Worth-
ington, President of the exhibition;
Thomas W. Churchill, President of the
Board of Education; Brig. Gen. Charles
A. Coolidge, President of the American
Philatelic Association; Frederick R.
Cornwell, former President of the same
association, and Joseph E. Ralph, Direc-
tor of the Bureau of Engraving and
Printing at Washington. The last named
gave a most interesting account of the
methods used in the printing of postage
stamps, and paid a glowing tribute to
the loyalty and honesty of the 4,000 men
and women employed in the bureau.
He said that the present exhibition was
the most magnificent ever held; that the
work of the engraver might most favor-
ably be compared with that of the painter,
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Mr. John N. Luff, to whom I submitted the specimen for determination, states that he does not recall ever having seen one like it. "When the American B. N. Co.," he writes, "absorbed the Continental Co. in Feb., 1879, they, of course, took over the property of the latter Co. which would include paper. I can only conclude that some of the hard paper of the C. B. N. Co. was used by the A. B. N. Co. either by accident or to use up the stock, and your stamp is from such a printing."

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THE LOST VOICE.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

I had just finished tidying up in the two rooms and the patio of the tent-house when Frevor Moore swung from his horse and headed for the hammock. "Oh! come with me and I will do thee good!" chanted Moore gleefully as we clasped hands.

"Thank you, no: I've been done twice this morning, and a third time will sure make me peevish."

Then we sat in the shade while Moore listened to the process, all of which shall be another story, "spoiled in the tellin'," as Jimmy O' would say.

"There will be a gathering o' the clans this morning," said Moore, when he was done laughing. "Jimmy O' will arrive, eventually, with Eddy Fyne, and when the day gets more feverish Johnny Williams will amble in on that pinto of his. You'll love Johnny. He is a college man who has sloughed his culture and talks Western as if he were to the manner born. It's the same thing with Jimmy O'. That boy is an undergraduate of a fresh-water college. In spots, you will recognize the culture he can't suppress. Johnny is different,—and, by the way: you're Ann Arbor born, and should know him or his people."

I raked my memory, but I could not recall the name, strive as I would.

We lazed in the patio the allotted time. Jimmy and Eddy Fyne were late. When they arrived, they tied their weary horses to the ground, and Jimmy O' began at once his usual monologue, where, evidently, he had left off pouring it into Eddy's unheeding ears:

"And say! He sure can sing! Why, that there Campanari who pulls 'em on their feet at the May Festivals can't hold a candle to him. No, sir. First time I ever heard 'im I sat on a rock an' wept real tears—me, Jimmy O'. It was at a Mexican kid's funeral. No one there but the kid's father an' mother an' sister an' Eddy here an' me."

"Me, too—I turned my back," as-severated Eddy, shamefacedly.

"And who," broke in Moore, "who may it be that has made Campanari a back number?"

"Johnny—Johnny Williams. An' while we wait, might I read somethin' fresh and startlin' in the Chiny surcharge column—or is it Greece today? or Montenegro?"

Jimmy rummaged among my philatelic papers and dug up his favorite. Eddy Fyne promptly fell asleep with a prehistoric metate for a pillow. Moore looked quizzically upon the somnolent Eddy, the literary Jimmy, and then sought solace in a long draught from the gourd at the olla. Then he lighted his pipe, and blew smoke rings till the air was full of them.

It was past noon when Eddy woke up, and Moore put away his pipe as Jimmy O' finished the last "ad" on the last page. Then we had lunch, the incomparable Eddy acting as cook and waiter. The siesta followed, and in mid-afternoon, when all were refreshed, I dragged forth the phonograph.

Let it be known that the phonograph is another story, but I'll tell it here, in part. It was camp property, once, held in common, to which a bunch of divers tastes had contributed cylinders. You might hear the raucous voice of a ballad-singer, or the wondrous notes of a grand opera star; coarseness and crudeness or fineness and finish; all were here, all dependent upon the taste of the record-buyer.

I wound and rewound the machine. Then finally we began the really excellent records. "Il Trovatore" was the first, and the galaxy lengthened with the day. When the last was ended, I looked at Jimmy O'. His face was a study. It was the surprise of my life,—the face of a man who knew music and loved it and who, I felt in my heart, would have his stained soul in it and die content.

Jimmy came to me at once and thanked me in a voice and with a manner I would never have associated with the Jimmy O' of a few hours ago. It was a new Jimmy O'—for five minutes. Then he broke the spell:

"Say! That sure fetched me. Haven't heard music like that these last six years."

Then Jimmy dragged forth the last WEEKLY, and began to study the small "ads" all over again.

A rush, a clatter, and a "yip! yip!" foretold the arrival of Johnny Williams.

As host, I hastened to the tie-rail. The arrival was off his horse; and just turning toward me. The profile! I spoke the name (not Johnny Williams) of a once very dear friend who had gone out of my life utterly. It was the man himself as I knew him twenty-five years previous—and this man before me was not a day older. This fact came full force as I apologized and led the way back to the patio.

The friend, I recalled, had a voice. He sang for the delectation of his friends, then in Glee Club. Before leaving college, he married a girl student in the School of Music. I left the old home. Next I heard of them in vaudeville, she as violinist, he as baritone soloist. When they were in New Orleans, the fever struck, and they went out together.

The voice of Jimmy O' recalled me from my reverie.

"An' when yon sun sinks to his rest, Johnny, me an' you an' Eddy will show that phonograph that it aint all the music in the world."

This was the nearest to self-praise I had ever heard from Jimmy O', and I knew he never was far off the trail.

The sun touched the horizon, purpling the peaks, sank, and as the afterglow began to fade, the silence fell upon us.

Jimmy O' stood by Johnny, who leaned lightly and alertly against the post of the patio. Eddy lounged near by. Upon the soft Summer air there fell unheralded a breathy note, the "Toreador," followed by the song in purest Spanish. I have heard Campanari, but never like that! It was the sweetest, richest, deepest, fullest baritone God ever put in mortal body! And from a cowboy at \$45 a month! Why, he might be earning twice that sum in a half hour! The song ended, and again silence fell.

Then Jimmy O' started a cowboy song, in which Eddy and Johnny joined. Eddy had a fair bass, and Jimmy a sweet tenor which he would shift to soprano when the mood pleased him. Then Jimmy imitated a duet, tenor and soprano, which was funny as could be and surely would have been a hit in vaudeville.

An hour or so of song, then the silence fell again. Johnny finally broke it: "We'd best be going." I begged one more song. It was his choice, but one I knew full well,—and as the notes of "Lead, Kindly Light" rose and soared and died away, I was transported. It was her song, and his—sung many a night in the Athens of the West, on the old campus. And oh, the

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Then he rode away,—"into his own!" Moore looked after the three friends as they disappeared into the dark.

"Poor chap! He'll never sing like that again,—and he knows it. And the 'glory that was Greece' is denied him, even as 'the grandeur that was Rome' can never be his except in dreams. Poor pariah! Sweetness and light are his lode-stars,—his reward ashes and myrrh. He has an incurable disease of the vocal chords, which, at times, causes him wholly to lose his voice. Then it comes back again, and his song is heavenly. Each time the loss is greater, and on the return his song grows sweeter. But tonight!"

Moore shivered slightly. The slow sound of hoof-beats came to our ears.

It was the saddest man's face I have ever seen,—the face of a man stricken,—which confronted us as, into the light of a hastily ignited candle, Jimmy O' and Eddy Fyne supported the figure of Johnny Williams. From his lips a stream of crimson flowed steadily as the face grew whiter. We laid him upon my cot and succeeded finally in staunching the ebb of the life-stream.

It was a fortnight before Johnny Williams was able to be about. Tender nursing by his friends was responsible for that. Another fortnight and he was fit as of old, but his singing voice was gone utterly. Johnny was the cheerfulest of the five, however. Jimmy O's heart seemed broken, and his vein of humor sealed.

It was Jimmy O' who, the day the four started for Moore's ranch brought forth the stamp collection referred to in a previous history, and, putting it in Johnny's hands, said whimsically:

"We'll own it together, Johnny—an' in hist'ry it'll be referred to as 'the famous collection of the two J's.'"



NEXT AUCTION -- NOVEMBER 29TH IN PHILADELPHIA

Nice general collection, property of Rev. W. F. Stowe and others comprising many desirable single stamps, also some nice wholesale lots, entire collections, etc. The catalogues are out. If you have not received one, write to-day.

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PRE-CANCELLED PARAGRAPHS.

By JOHN A. SOLOMON.

Precancels have surely stood the acid test to the entire satisfaction of all their partisans. Although the present year has been one of great productiveness the precancel appetite seems a long ways from being satisfied. Much less than a decade ago precancel news and advertisements were unknown but the delight of precancel collecting was not to be denied and after a few years of persistence precancels came into their own.

Today, precancel news abound in nearly all philatelic publications. That precancels have retained their popularity for so long a time, proves convincingly that they are a certainty with a splendid future before them.

The regular office stamp precancelling practice is still maintained by some of our principal cities in conjunction with the regular precancelling method. New York and Chicago have used this system for some time and Boston has added itself to this group. Aside from the regular office stamp, Boston has also contributed one from Roxbury Crossing Station recently.

Even Goldfield, Nevada has now a precancel. I wonder if they use it for sending out samples of "gold dust" to prospective mine buyers? Now that Goldfield is in the precancel fold, it wouldn't be surprising if Nome and Dawson were soon heard from.

It isn't the sample bottles of pills and medicine I miss but the monthly dated precancels that brought them from Binghamton so regularly.

The Post Office Dept. has announced that precancelled stamps can now be sold to the general public at all times instead of in large quantities as formerly required. The stamps may be used on newspapers, packages and all kinds of second, third and fourth class matter but will be recognized only at the office where issued. This departure is sure to cause a greater demand and will be gladly welcomed by all precancel adherents. Thus precancels again demonstrate their great time and labor saving qualities.

New York has used millions of precancels but not until recently was any denomination above 3c used. A short time ago some of New York's large mail order houses concluded they could not do their business with only the small value stamps and now 4, 5 and even 10c stamps are arriving from this city.

St. Joseph, Mich., which has not issued precancels in nearly a decade has recently brought out an entirely new type. Brooklyn, N. Y., which hasn't used precancels in over five years has also resumed them.

Despite the tariff agitation shoe business in Brockton must be good if the use of precancels form any criterion. For a long time Brockton's shoe advertisements were well taken care of with the 1 and 2c stamps but now the 3, 4 and 5c values are required to meet the demand of trade.

Our Parcel Post stamps have opened up a field far beyond the expectations of their most sanguine adherents. Nearly all the larger cities and even some of the small towns are precancelling the Parcel Post stamps and some cities have even prepared a special type for this use alone.

Up in Canada precancels have also taken firm root and King George's domain is now represented by nearly all its principal cities and towns aside from "Medicine Hat," "Moose Jaw" and a few others of lesser note.

Covington, Kentucky, is still leading collectors a merry pace to keep up with its activities. For the past few years Covington has been showing all sorts of types and printings and recently sprung another new font. It is interesting to observe the original types of Covington, Newport, Ky., and Cincinnati, all of exact type. These cities are located closely together and this probably accounts for the similarity of type.

Foxboro, Mass., is a little town but now boasts of two distinct precancel types in two years of precancel use.

With the great number of new issues constantly increasing, it is my belief that 10,000 varieties will soon be a possibility and that some live collector will soon be claiming this coveted figure.

When it comes down to the title for use of high denominations even Chicago must bow before Philadelphia for the City of Brotherly Love easily absorbs more 50c and \$1.00 stamps than any other city.

I wonder what has become of the various sub-station office precancels which were so numerous a few years ago? New York, Boston, Detroit, Buffalo, Chattanooga and other cities all had them but today they are practically relics of the past.

PROSPECTIVE GOVERNMENT EXHIBITS.

Ever since the Exhibition project was first broached it has been the ardent wish of all who are intimately interested in its success that the Government at Washington might be prevailed upon to lend the affair its sanction and support—at least to the extent of sending thither some special exhibits, selected from the store of choice and interesting philatelic items owned by the Government. This wish, we can now definitely state, is to be realized. Mr. J. M. Bartels, acting as Ambassador Plenipotentiary to Washington on behalf of the Exhibition, has secured the co-operation of both the United States National Museum, and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and both are to send to the Exhibition special displays of an interesting character.

It has been determined that it would serve no useful purpose to show on this occasion any of the Government's philatelic possessions that follow the ordinary lines of regular stamp collecting—that is, that private collectors would have equal facilities for procuring, and have in some cases procured. Even the greatest rarities the Government might show in regularly issued stamps would simply duplicate some of the choice items in the Worthington, Ackerman and other great collections of the United States stamps. The Government is, therefore, to display at the Exhibition only such things as no private collector possesses—only items that are to be found nowhere in this country save in the Government repositories.

A number of men prominently connected with the Government production of stamps will attend the Exhibition, notably Mr. J. E. Ralph, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; Mr. Rose, chief of the Engraving Division; Mr. Benjamin Stickney, mechanical expert and designer of the Bureau (inventor of the much talked-of rotary press), and others.—*Philatelic Gazette.*

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Paraguay set of 15 different stamps.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The Linotype Bulletin for October contains an article, "Stamped Envelopes and Postage Stamps," by Wm. E. Marsh. We are indebted to Chas. H. Smith for a specimen copy.

—We regret to state that the trade advs. of two regular advertisers were omitted from our issue of Oct. 18. The two advertisers who suffered were Paul W. Riedell and Fred E. Prohaska. We regret very much the unfortunate occurrence, which was due to the tremendous pressure under which the issue was brought out.

—We have received from D. C. Bartley, secretary of the Washington state Philatelic Society, the particulars of the surcharging by the Seattle postmaster of 1c and 2c ordinary postage for use as Postage Dues. Mr. Bartley submits specimens, the words "Due—Cents" being printed by means of a rubber stamp. We quote from Mr. Bartley's letter as follows:—

"All together there were about two hundred 1c and two hundred and fifty 2c stamps thus surcharged and of this number there were left twenty-three 1c and thirty-five 2c when a supply of the regular due stamps arrived from Portland, Ore. The remainders are in the hands of members of the Society."

These stamps are of interest, particularly to Seattle collectors, but this use of ordinary postage as postage due is by no means a new proceeding.

—H. A. Fowler of Chicago was a recent caller at the WEEKLY office.

—We are advised that E. H. Gamman, Jr., who has been located at Newark, N. J., will remove to N. Y. City January 1.

—The greater part of C. B. Bostwick's South Australian collection is being sold by B. L. Drew & Co. This

collection is said to be one of the best of its kind that has been offered here in the U. S. for several years.

—The Geo. W. Linn Co. is sending out a blue enamelled button, a facsimile of the gold button, the emblem of the A. P. S. The price is 12c prepaid.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from A. W. Filstrup.

—We welcome back to our columns the Kankakee Stamp Co. of Kankakee, Ill. The moving spirit in the company is our old-time philatelic worker, S. E. Moisant, and associated with him are three other stamp men of that city. We bespeak for the new firm a goodly patronage.

—We are advised of the existence of a very live philatelic society in Shanghai, China. At present thirty active members are enrolled and the membership is increasing so fast that a club room is being talked about. The secretary assures us that matters philatelic are very promising in Shanghai.

—The Detroit Philatelist with its motto "Good value is good business" comes to us from the Robt. Millard Co., 325 W. Ferry Av., Detroit, Mich. It is a house organ but in it are numerous chunks of wisdom that will make it worth while for the reader to send a post card for a sample copy.

—The Maximus A. Lesser collection, including a fine line of U. S. in all its branches together with a general assortment of foreign, will be sold at auction by Geo. R. Tuttle, 116 Nassau St., N. Y. City, Saturday, Nov. 8. Mr. Lesser has contributed much to the columns of the WEEKLY and no doubt many of our readers will be glad to know more about this sale. A post card will secure a catalog.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Rochester Philatelic Association was held Wednesday evening, Oct. 22nd, at the Club Rooms. F. E. Merritt showed his collection of unused U.

UNITED STATES STAMPS IN THE MAKING.

By WM. L. STEVENSON.

(Continued from page 367.)

PLATE ERASURE.

We are told that erasure on the plate is impossible. Consider. The lines on the plate are in recess below the general surface. We are told of erasure of guide lines, etc., but that the design lines cannot be erased. The only way in which any recessed lines could be "erased" would be by some method of filling in. This requires adjacent raised material for the filling, and the difference between guide lines and design lines is one of degree and not of kind. There is plenty of evidence in nearly all our stamp issues to indicate that some "erasure" is possible. Just how this was done remains for some one to dig out from the knowledge of some of those actually producing stamps.

INKS, ETC.

Printers' ink is not a liquid but more nearly a paste. It has many of the characteristics of a varnish except that it runs more to oils and fats and less to gums and balsams. Ordinary job-printing from type faces requires, among other things, an ink which must not stick to the metals but which must stick to the dry paper and which must dry in a reasonable time.

Printing from line-engravings, requires a somewhat similar ink as it must not stick in the recessed lines and must stick to the paper. The process apparently requires, for first class results, that the paper be thoroughly moistened throughout and that it be applied with considerable pressure.

When we took our perfect print from our perfect die some time back we obtained a perfect CAST of the lines of the die. If the ink then dried without being pressed it remained a cast, above the level of the paper. This may not be exact in practice. Pressure in drying and straightening the paper may roll out some of the heavily inked lines, making them wider than they were intended to be. We must not look for absolute uniformity of ink in practice, either as regards composition or physical condition at the time of use. If a sticky ink were used it would certainly come away from the plate poorly and would smear. If a drier were used, we might find many absences of ink due to too quick action of the drier before application of the sheet to the plate. Lack of uniformity of moistness in the paper also has its effect. (NOTE.—In a steel line-engraving, some of the picture effects possible to the process are to be obtained as much by varying the thickness of the layer of ink applied to the paper as by the relative areas covered by the ink.)

There are tricks in all trades and as a commercial proposition there are many things that affect the product of which we will probably never be told, but there is no good reason why we should not know more of our subject than we do, and not have to depend on snap-shots by persons who have really not studied

the subject deeply but who have a reputation to sustain. The only reason for our haphazard expertness from which our catalogues and our check-lists are now suffering is that the ideas of the experts have not been questioned by students. It is high time they were questioned. If any accepted ideas can be endangered they need to be endangered for the good of the hobby.

Another little example. Aside from some of more recent appearance, one of the funniest things I ever read is a statement by one of our authorities regarding certain "ribbed" effects as seen in some of the departmental stamps, to the effect that, "These are not the real thing, i. e., ribbed papers, but were caused by the fibres of the cloths, which were used in wiping the plates and which drew the ink into slight ridges". Can you imagine it? Wonderful is "instinctive expertness". It would be very interesting to have a careful statement of the facts to be noted on the faces of the stamps in question which could lead to any such deduction. QUESTION.—Of what value is that philatelic expertness which can father such a statement in all seriousness?

A little further on plate wear. Anyone who has studied our stamps at all must have noted that in many specimens there is an embossing of the design lines above the face of the paper and corresponding indentations in the backs. This varies in different specimens in degree but is generally present to some extent in all specimens. This comes from the fact that considerable pressure is used in applying the paper to the plate and the paper is actually pressed into the recessed lines of the plate to such an extent and so sharply that later pressings failed to remove the effects. Here, to me, is a possible source of our greatest plate wear. This pressure of the paper against the sharp edges, together with a certain amount of sliding friction of paper on metal, seems to me to be the severest test to which the steel can be subjected during the process of printing as we know it. There must be wear from this cause and possibly this is the greatest factor in the gradual plate deterioration. Let's have some light on this point also.

A confession. I have never seen and examined a die, a roller, or a plate from which any of our stamps are descended. My conclusions are drawn entirely from actual study of the product as affected by the process of production, some mechanical knowledge, some knowledge of behavior of materials under different circumstances, etc., and while I may be in error in some things, the statements made are carefully considered and thoughtfully criticised. Here, possibly, is an excellent opportunity for those whose ideas regarding our stamps I have been criticising, to "show me up". I only hope they find time and inclination to try it. We want facts from any source. We want no further guessing. We want no further "mysterious expertness." It is unnecessary, to say the least.

S. and Colonies. It became lively and interesting when Pres. Richardson auctioned off a collection of stamps by countries. Paul C. Wild and H. J. Haddleton were appointed a permanent auction committee. Members desiring to dispose of stamps by this method should send same to one of the above. The charges are only 10% of the gross receipts.

WM. M. McCUTCHEN.

W. F. Slusser of Key West, Fla., writes as follows:—

Wm. M. McCutchen of Plainfield, N. J., and Belmar, N. J. is the American Secretary of the Modern Collectors' Philatelic Exchange Club, of London.

I have an account against him to the net amount of \$44.55, and have been trying to effect a settlement since June last.

Letters have been addressed to McCutchen, as follows:

June 15, 1913. No reply.

August 5, 1913. No reply.

August 19, 1913. This letter was registered, and went to Plainfield and was forwarded to Belmar. It was returned as unclaimed on September 9.

September 2, 1913. This letter was registered and sent to Belmar, and on September 20, a return card, signed by McCutchen, was received back. On Sept. 25 a letter was received from McCutchen, briefly stating that he was too busy to attend to correspondence; that fishing was very good, and that if the undersigned did not hear from him at the end of three weeks, to write again!

Canadian and English correspondents report that they are unable to get any answer to correspondence addressed to McCutchen.

COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

BEAUMONT, TEX., Oct. 11, '13.

Editor MEKEEL'S:

In the editorial columns of your Philadelphia contemporary, issue of Sept. 13th, Mr. Mann, in writing of the temptation to re-use the precancels authorized by a late order of the Postmaster General, states very positively that "the greatest danger lies in the re-selling of the stamps by the stamp clerks at the stamp window."

I became very much "agitated" on reading this, as I am a post-office clerk. To me it was a ridiculous statement. Why should stamp clerks be more easily tempted than the public. A stamp clerk is in a position which encourages, requires, and compels honesty. If he is caught cheating the government or the public, his job doesn't last a minute.

These precancels are not good everywhere. Can only be used at the office of issue, and only on outgoing mail. The stamp clerk would have to arrange to get these stamps back from other cities, re-gum them, and then work his nerve up so that he could offer them over the stamp counter. And remember Uncle Sam is going to be on the job watching all the time.

Mr. Mann might suggest that counterfeiting is going on in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, it would be as reasonable.

Finally, lets all spell the word "precanceled" with just one 'l.' The Government does it, and Webster does it, so it must be right.

C. B. MEGARITY.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., 10-15-13.

Dear Mr. Wylie:

I did not know that you would want to publish the list of my exhibits, so I did not write them out as carefully as I otherwise would have done.

In the single issue class please substitute the following for the Uruguay, Diligencia description which I sent you and oblige:

Uruguay "Diligencia Issue" 1856—A specialized collection of the 1856 or Diligencia stamps of Uruguay. Attention is called to the plating of the 60 Centavos of 1856. A diagram shows the varieties that have been definitely located, including some that are in other collections. There are complete reconstructed plates of the 80 Centavos and 1 Real, together with displays and descriptions of the different plate varieties. There is a block of 4 of the 80 Centavos, and unique in this condition. There is also the celebrated block of 13 of the 80c. This is also unique. There are no known blocks or pairs of Diligencia stamps other than those in this collection. Attention is called to the exhibit of corresponding plate varieties in the 60 Centavos, 80 Centavos, and 1 Real values.

Also in giving you the list of my exhibits the other day I omitted the following in class G., specialized single issues:

Brazil—The issue of 1891 including a study of the inverted frames and inverted heads. The exhibit is mounted on some sixty oriel pages and discloses considerable information in regard to the stamps of this issue that has not hitherto been made public, or referred to by philatelic writers.

Yours very truly,
CHAS. LATHROP PACK.

PERRY, O., Oct. 18, '13.

To the Editor:

The Southern Philatelic Association has for several months past made the claim that it is the fastest growing stamp society in America. This is not an idle statement, but a fact proven by figures.

In the issue of your paper for Oct. 4, I note the report of the convention of the National Philatelic Society and a statement to the effect that it is the fastest growing society in America. That this claim cannot be supported



PORTUGAL—ST. ANTHONY ISSUE.

Many countries have placed religious emblems upon their stamp issues, some because of the significance of the emblem itself and some because it formed part of the insignia of the State. It has remained for Portugal, however, to exploit the life of one of the Saints of the Roman Catholic calendar, St. Anthony of Padua, upon a series of stamps issued in 1895 to commemorate the seven hundredth anniversary of his birth.

Though now connected mainly with Italy, where he is buried, he was born of a noble Portuguese family in Lisbon and was christened Fernando da Bulhoes. This event took place on August 15, the date of the Feast of the Assumption, in 1195 A. D. When ten years old he began his religious life and five years later entered a monastery. In 1220 he joined the Franciscan order of friars and then became known as Brother Anthony. Soon after he was ordered to Africa, then went to Sicily, and finally began preaching in Italy and later in France. Many miracles are recorded as having been performed by him during his ministrations, and one of these is pictured on the stamps.

It is said that he was once in the town of Rimini, and that the people refused to listen to his preaching. He therefore went to the seashore and called upon the fishes to come and hear what he had to say. They came in shoals at his bidding and ranged themselves in front of him while he preached a sermon to them on the benefits they had received from God. When he had finished his discourse the fish lowered their heads as if to receive the benediction and he dismissed them with the sign of the cross. The heretics were naturally much disconcerted at this exhibition and many returned to the fold.

Another stamp shows the vision of the Saint. The story runs that in November, 1227, he paid his first visit to Padua, where he lodged in the house of Count Tiso di Sampiero. One night as the Count passed Anthony's room, he saw a brilliant light shining under the door.

may be seen in the following figures:

In the report of the S. P. A. published in the September West 42 persons applied for membership, while the report of the N. P. S. in the V. E. Philatelist for September showed 16 applications for membership. In the October West there are 48 applicants for membership in the S. P. A. while the report of the N. P. S. for the same month shows 17 applicants.

C. V. WEBB,
Sec.-Treas. Southern Phil. Assn.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20, '13.

To the Editor:

Relative to the stamp dealer problem I would ask about the trouble of re-filling approval books or sheets from which some stamps are sold. For example a dealer sends out an assignment of say ten approval books of 100 stamps each, 1,000 in all. The customer to whom they are sent purchases a couple of hundred stamps, more or less, taking them partially from all of the ten books. Now when the books are returned to the dealer he has his ten books each with from one to a dozen empty spaces. In order to have the books neat and attractive these empty spaces must be refilled or the whole thing removed to a new approval book. Unless he has duplicates of the stamps sold to replace them with he will have to erase the price of the stamp sold and replace it with that of the new stamp now to be put in its place. This is not easy and makes a smear. And to

Looking through the keyhole he beheld the Christ Child standing upon the book which the Saint had been reading, with its arms about Anthony's neck and whispering divine secrets in his ear.

St. Anthony's ministrations ceased in 1231, when he died at Padua, the city which seemed to have the strongest attractions for him. He was at once canonized and his tomb may be seen in the city of his choice. The third type of stamp shows the ascension of St. Anthony. Rising through the clouds towards a glory above him, he is accompanied in his journey heavenwards by an angel on either hand.

The fourth type of the series gives a copy of what is claimed to be an authentic portrait of the Saint, a painting which is at present in the Academy of Fine Arts at Paris. He is represented with his right hand raised in blessing, while his left hand holds a spray of lilies.

But perhaps the most curious thing about this stamp issue is the fact that there is printed upon the back of each label, in small blue letters, the following inscription:

Centenario de Santo Antonio

MCXCV * MDCCXCV

O lingua benedicta quae Dominum semper benedixisti et alios benedicere docuisti: nunc perspicue cernitur quanti meriti fueris apud Deum.

S. Boaventura.

which is translated "Centenary of St. Anthony, 1195-1895," followed by this prayer of St. Bonaventure:

"O blessed tongue, which has always blessed God and taught others to bless him; now will it be clearly seen how much merit thou hast in the presence of God."

The stamps were on sale from June 13 to June 30, 1895, and meanwhile various fêtes were given in honor of the memory of this pious son of Portugal, even though his labors were for another land where he lies buried and which has adopted him as her own.

replace from 75 to 95 stamps into new books takes a long time.

For exchange purposes I made approval cards with transverse pockets like a stock book but the pockets a little further apart. Then I had a lot of oblong pieces of paper cut, slightly wider than a stamp and an eighth of an inch longer. On these pieces of paper I hinge my stamps, leaving the eighth inch of the card project beyond the top of the stamp and on it I write the prices etc., thus not marring the card at all. The piece of paper with the stamp hinged to it can be slipped in the pockets as in an ordinary stock book and can be changed about or replaced without trouble and without marring the approval card at all. Another advantage is that by letting the paper slip into the pocket and the stamp on the outside of it the whole of the stamp may be seen instead of only the projecting top.

A. N. CAUDELL.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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1863	Star, 6d yellow green, block of	
	4, mint.....	40.00
1862-5	CA, 6d green, mint block of 4	3.50
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	block of 4.....	17.00

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	and black, single, \$2.45; block of 4	9.80

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1852	1c and 4c, 1853, 1c and 4c, 1880,	
	1c rose, the set of the 5 scarce	
	reprints \$5.25; in blocks of 4....	20.00

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Scarce	proof in black of the 1d tri-	
	angular single \$5.00; block of 4	20.00
1880	Thin 3 on 3d inverted, used, very	
	rare.....	200.00
Vryburg	1900, ½, 1d, 2d and 2½,	
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	2d, 4d, 10d, 1sh, 1sh 9d, 12sh,	
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	red, 64c brown, and 96c grey,	
	set of 5.....	28.00
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Grenada	1890, No wmk. 6d rose, imperf.	
	(Scott's 2a) single \$5.50; block	
	of 4.....	22.00
	1875-81 Imperf. ½d purple and	
	2½d claret, the pair, Scott's 8a	
	and 9a \$12.00; block of 4.....	48.00

Nova Scotia,	Proof on card in black of	
	the 1sh, single, \$5.00; block of 4	20.00

Queensland

1860	Proof in black of the 2d, single,	
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St. Vincent	1861, 1d rose, imperf., pen-	
	marked, Scott's 1a, single, \$3.50;	
	block of 4.....	14.00

S. Australia	1850, Proof in black of 4d	
	and 9d, the pr., \$7.50; block of 4	28.00

Uruguay

1857	240c vermilion, a mint block of	
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	rare, Gibbons 26, very slightly	
	creased, the block.....	700.00

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1856	6d proof in black, single \$4.00;	
	block of 4.....	16.00

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EDITORIAL.

Consummation—The International Philatelic Exhibition is over but the philatelic event of the decade will live in the memories of those who participated in the great celebration and in those, we are sanguine enough to say, who as outsiders visited the display. The Exhibition has accomplished its purpose right nobly, which was to illustrate the wonderful growth and refinement of philately to collectors themselves and to proclaim to the public the greatness of philately, a pursuit so potent that it can attract to its standard men who may be said almost to dedicate their wealth and time to stamp collecting. Some of the seed sown so bountifully by the Exhibition has fallen on productive soil and for long time to come, the stimulating effects of the Exhibition will be apparent.

Aftermath—In the wake of the Exhibition there will be much to hold the interest of the philatelist. The awards will be a topic for discussion and the medal-winners will be brought forth prominently on the philatelic stage. The publicity given by the New York newspapers will have an echo in the press of the entire country. The personal side of the Exhibition has been a singularly happy one and the presence of distinguished foreign visitors loaned a decided distinction to the occasion. The attendance from outside points demonstrated that the magnitude and the significance of New York's celebration was appreciated. The Exhibition was instrumental in beginning many friendships and the whole philatelic community has been benefited by the great event.

A Big Time—On October 10th, 1858, or fifty-five years ago, the first overland mail from California was delivered in St. Louis amid an outburst of popular rejoicing; and in another column, we shall try to make room for an interesting bit of correspondence on the

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subject, clipped from a St. Louis newspaper and sent us by Mr. Wm. F. LaForce.

Date Discrepancy—We have found one of the old Sardinian letter-sheets with the 50c impression in blue, design of "Cupid post-rider" which bears postmarks of the date of 1817. As these fiscals were not used until 1819, according to the catalogues that list them, the inference is that there must be something irregular about the letter-sheet in question, which is addressed to Paris and has all indications of genuineness.

Side By Side—Some time ago, Mr. E. A. Steiner, Seattle, Washington, sent us two envelopes both of which bore a two cent U. S. and a two cent, Canada, King George, in the upper right hand corner. We have been a long time in getting an explanation for the use of both stamps on the same envelope; and we have been told that mail originating either in the American or British spheres of sovereignty in the far northwest when transported on a Canadian steamer or mail deposited on a Canadian bottom and addressed to a point in the United States must be prepaid with both stamps; and when the conditions are reversed and an American boat carries the letter destined for a Canadian city, the same terms apply. It must be that these are ship letters. The letters before us were sent from the Yukon district to Seattle. Perhaps, there is another and rather more convincing explanation of the brother act of the Canadian and the U. S. stamp.

From Time Immemorial—We have seen letters prepaid to the United States from Canada bearing our stamps without postage due; and *vice versa*. However, these illustrations of postal reciprocity are no comparatively new development; and in this connection we copy a circular headed, "Canada Postage," that was issued by James Campbell, postmaster general, from Washington, February 19, 1856: "My attention has been called to the circumstance that letters inclosed in the United States stamped envelopes, or prepaid with United States postage stamps, are received in this country from Canada charged by our frontier exchange officers as unpaid. This practice on the part of the United States exchange officers is, strictly speaking, correct as each country recognizes its own postage stamps only in the prepayment of letters and hence it is irregular to use United States stamps in the prepayment of letters from Canada. But, inasmuch as the parties addressed feel aggrieved if postage is demanded on the delivery of such letters, and urge upon receipt that the practice of charging them as unpaid operates as a hardship upon them, the postage having been once received by this department, I am disposed to treat for the future such letters as prepaid, and deliver them as such. You will therefore discontinue the present practice of charging letters of this character as unpaid, in United

States stamps, and forward them to destination without additional charge." The human streak certainly was broad in James Campbell.

Those Prices—Mr. Wm. C. Schilling, Baltimore, Maryland, writes: "In your issue of October 11th, I notice that Mr. G. A. Hunt compared present prices with those from a catalogue of 1882. I enclose a price-list which I bought in 1867 or 1868 for five cents from a dealer who was near a private school that I attended at the time. I thought that it might interest you to see some of the old prices." The price-list that Mr. Schilling sends is a four-page leaflet addressed "To the Stamp Trade," and issued by Anthony Fischer, 49 North Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland. Stamps are offered at two, three, five and eight cents each, respectively and packets are priced from twenty-five cents to two dollars each. On the last page is the announcement of a translation into English from the fourteenth edition of the Illustrated Postage Stamp Album and Catalogue by G. Bauschke, "containing a full description of British Colonial and Foreign stamps, with compartments arranged for the reception of each." The book was to be had in three styles of binding: "Handsomely Bound," "Strongly Bound" and "Elegantly Bound." Some of the stamp prices quoted are almost unbelievable today. For instance, five cents each was asked for the following stamps, among others, all now cataloguing in the dollars: Oldenburg, 1/15 thaler; Two Sicilies, 1 gran., olive brown; Wurtemberg, 18kr., blue, Schleswig, 1864, 4sch., rose, etc.

Exhibition of Their Own—Speaking of exhibitions, we have resurrected a copy of an unused U. S. Distillery Warehouse Stamp, series of 1878, on the blank side of which is printed: "This stamp bears the portrait of General Zachary Taylor, 12th President of the United States. Issued in 1878, on watermarked paper with initials, U. S. I. R., (United States Internal Revenue) engraved by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and is one of a series of over 500 varieties purchased by Messrs. Deats and Sterling, August 1890, from the Treasury Department. Fifty thousand of these stamps will be distributed free to all who visit the display of Deats & Sterling, spaces 85 and 86, southeast corner of Exhibition Building No. 2. The Great Interstate Fair, Trenton, N. J., Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, 1891." This was a good stamp card; and the tax paid was canceled with three punch holes, a method of mutilation imposed by the government before it sold the enormous accumulation of the tax paid stamps as waste paper to Messrs. Deats and Sterling.

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b. What do the letters A, C, C, E, stand for in the N. W., N. E., S. W., S. E. corners respectively of the two pence brown (later in mauve) of same issue Victoria? (Scott's type A-27.)

c. What do the letters A, C stand for, found just below the left and right ends respectively of the lower label on the four pence carmine (later in bistre) of same issue? (Scott's type A-28.)

d. The one penny green of 1884-86 has a small C just below the P of PENNY; also shows on the 3d bistre and the 6d blue in the same position in clear prints. (Scott's type A-30.) What does it signify?

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CHAPTER XLIX.**Issue of 1893—Columbians.**

The Columbian issue, 1893, is so well known that it requires very little comment as a series of stamps. It has been well written upon during the past few years by students of Philately, and in view of this the writer will confine this chapter to a bare recital of all the facts, briefly told.

The issue was designed, primarily, to advertise the "World's Fair" or Columbian exposition, held in Chicago in 1893. A secondary purpose, it seems to the writer, was to make the stamp collectors of the country "pay the freight" as it were. It was frankly stated at the time the stamps were projected that an enormous profit would come to the government from the sale of sets of the stamps. That such was the case is easy to believe, as it required fifteen good hard dollars to buy from the postoffice the five "dollar values." To review the stamps themselves:

The stamps, sixteen denominations, were all (except the 8 cent) issued on January 1, 1893. Size of stamps, 22 by 34 mm.

1 Cent—Columbus in Sight of Land—was printed from 30 plates, 200 designs to the plate. The plate numbers are J. 46-50; K. 51-55; P. 65-69; MM. 149-153; OO. 159-163; VV. 194-198. Shades—pale blue, deep blue.

Varieties—double transfers, several. The so-called caps are neither die, transfer or plate varieties, as some have supposed, but are probably the result of ink drying in the recesses so that ink did not remain in the deep lines.

2 Cent—Landing of Columbus—printed from 135 plates, beginning with the single letter A and running to X, numbers 1 to 98, and double letters EE to UU, numbers 109 to 193, but not consecutively. Shades—red lilac, red violet, gray violet.

Varieties—double transfer, several. Imperforate. Caps—the same remarks apply as above.

3 Cent—Flagship of Columbus—printed from 4 plates, L 56, 57; R 75, 76. No varieties chronicled.

4 Cent—Fleet of Columbus—printed from a single series of five plates D. 16-20. Shades, ultramarine, deep ultramarine. Variety, error in color of the 1 cent.

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To the Editor:—

I was much interested in your recent article in regard to the use of the Parcel Post Due stamps. The excuse that the department gives for preventing the sale to the collecting public does not seem good. It authorizes the use of either common dues or the parcel post dues interchangeably on either kind of mail and still expects to keep an accurate account of unpaid postage on parcel post mail.

I also noticed the following in a Chicago store recently. The shipping clerk sent out a package for delivery by parcel post with eleven cents in parcel post stamps on the package. The local postman returned the package marked due four cents but with the eleven cents in stamps cancelled. Is that the customary way of handling such mail or is the package usually returned to the sender with the stamps

5 Cent—Columbus Soliciting Aid of Isabella—printed from a single series of 5 plates B. 6-10. Shades, chocolate, red brown, yellow brown. No chronicled varieties.

6 Cent—Columbus Welcomed at Barcelona—printed from a single plate, Z. 104. Shades, purple, red purple. No variety.

8 Cent—Columbus Restored to Favor—issued March 1, 1903. Printed from a single series of five plates II. 129-133. Shades, pale magenta, magenta, lilac rose. No variety.

10 Cent—Columbus Presenting Natives—Printed from a single series of five plates Y. 99-103. Shades, deep yellow brown, black brown, gray black, gray. No variety.

15 Cent—Columbus Announcing His Discovery—printed from a single plate, M. 58. Shades, Milori green, blue green, deep green.

30 Cent—Columbus at La Rabida—Printed from Plate N. 59. Shades, orange, pale brown orange, deep brown orange.

50 Cent—Recall of Columbus—printed from Plate S. 77. Mr. Luff lists this as shade of slate; the official color was carbon blue.

\$1.00—Isabella Pledging Her Jewels—printed from plate W. 93. Shades, scarlet, salmon red.

\$2.00—Columbus in Chains—Printed from Plate AA. 105. Shades, rose brown, deep rose brown.

\$3.00—Columbus Describing Third Voyage—Printed from plate BB. 106. Shades, pale yellow green, gray green, olive green.

\$4.00—Portraits of Isabella and Columbus in Circles—Printed from plate CC. 107. Shades, pale aniline rose, carmine rose, carmine lake.

\$5.00—Profile of head of Columbus—Printed from plate DD. 108. Shades, gray black, full black.

NOTE—The shades mentioned are in the main as given by John N. Luff, in his magnificent work on the stamps of the United States. Mr. Luff is, in the opinion of the writer, the country's best authority on shades.

Only brief mention has been given to the double transfers found in these stamps, as they have only recently been written upon, and back numbers of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS containing the various discoveries in this direction may still be had. The same is true of the so-called "Cap" varieties.

uncanceled? Would the remainder of the postage be paid with due stamps or with regular stamps? Were the stamps already on the package void for further use or would four cents additional postage have been sufficient to carry the package?

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Yours sincerely,

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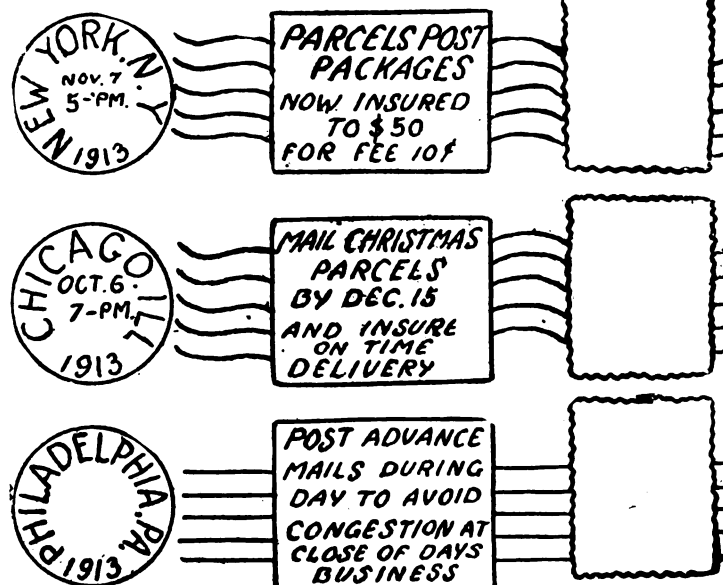
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Nothing free—but good 1 and 1/2 c approvals. THE FINDLAY STAMP CO., Findlay, Ohio.

25 different stamps from Hawaii, Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico, 10c. LEXINGTON STAMP CO., Baltimore, Md.

Free:—Paraguay 1913 mint, 1, 2, 5c to applicants for my 50% Approvals. Send reference. HOWARD E. JACKSON, Edgewater, N. J.

NEW ZEALAND STAMPS USED ABROAD.

By F. B. BARTON.

Chatham Islands.—For many years past a post office has been in operation at Waitangi, in the Chatham Islands. The postmaster has a complete stock of the usual post office stationery, and his supply of stamps ranges from 1/2d to £5. The stamps are devoid of any overprint, and can be, of course, only recognised by the postmark, Chatham Islands, May 11—10, within three circles. A steamer, the "Himitangi," owned by the Chatham Fisheries Company, makes a trip each month, and as there is a fair amount of mail matter, all stamps of N. Z. from about 1900 should be in existence postmarked as above. The regulations governing parcels post, money orders, postal notes, etc., are exactly as in N. Z. Any collector interested in the history of this island will find the fullest particulars in a book by Mr. W. Bancke, entitled "Where the White Man Treads," procurable at most large stationers.

Fanning Island.—This is a remote coral atoll in the Pacific, and is an important station on the All-Red Cable route. A post office has been installed on the island since 1902, and during that period the several issues of N. Z. stamps from 1/2d to 5s have been in use. The postmark is somewhat different to that used in the Chathams. Communication with Fanning is not very regular, and stamps with this obliteration are very hard to find.

Aitutaki.—Before the appearance of the issue of N. Z. stamps overprinted Aitutaki for use in this island in 1903 the stamps of the Cook Islands were in use there, and may be recognised by means of the postmark, in violet only, bearing the name of the island. The date stamp is similar to that used in the Fanning Islands.

The islands of Rakahanga and Manihiki are governed from the Cook Islands and use the stamps of the Federation.

The Campbell Islanders use the stamps of N. Z., but these are date-stamped on their arrival in N. Z.

The Bounty Islands, Auckland, Antipodes, and Kermadec Islands are at present uninhabited and bid fair to remain so.—N. Z. Stamp Journal.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Hamburg.

(Continued from page 341.)

Whether by accident or design we cannot say but on all stamps engraved by Ziesenist there are so-called "secret marks." As these are of considerable value in distinguishing originals from the many forgeries that exist, we give a list of these as follows:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ schilling.—There is a small dash in the space between the base of the right hand tower and the line above "Schilling."

1 schilling.—The serif at the foot of the "T" of "POSTMARKE" ends with a dot at the left hand side.

2 schilling.—There is a tiny dot under the first "l" of "Schilling," and, in clearly printed specimens, a small dash above the "ng" of the same word.

3 schilling.—There is a dot on the left side of the "H" of "HAMBURG" near the top of the letter, and, in most cases, another dot is shown under the "r" of "Drie."

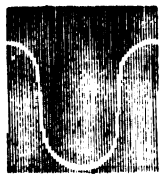
4 schilling.—There is a dot between the letters "Sc" of "Schilling."

7 schilling.—There is a dot in the space at the right of the Arms opposite the top of the "S" of "Schilling."

9 schilling.—There is a tiny dot after the "P" of "POSTMARKE" level with the bottom of that letter.

In an article by M. Georges Brunel, translated in the *Postage Stamp*, Vol. VIII, numerous other little peculiarities are detailed but as most of these only show on certain stamps they evidently did not appear on the original die but were caused in making the type-metal casts.

The stamps were all printed on white wove paper, each sheet being watermarked with twelve horizontal undulating lines (each undulation being about 15 mm. deep) bounded by a single line frame. It was intended that these lines should correspond with the twelve rows of stamps, but owing to some sheets not being carefully "fed" into the printing press an outside row was occasionally printed on the plain portion of the paper, and these stamps were thus entirely without watermark. Other varieties, caused by irregular feeding of the paper, show vertical line watermark.



The stamps of this issue were not perforated, and they were gummed with a brown gum which gives some specimens the appearance of having been printed on toned paper. The remainders of these stamps were all without gum, the issued stamps, with the original brown gum, being at least twice as scarce as the remainders. With the solitary exception of the 7sch the stamps are all rarer used than unused. Fairly distinct shades of the 4, 7, and 9sch may be found but the others differ hardly at all.

Reference List.

Jan. 1st, 1859. Watermarked undulating lines. Imperf.

1. $\frac{1}{2}$ sch black, Scott's No. 1.
2. 1sch brown, Scott's No. 2.
3. 2sch red, Scott's No. 5.
4. 3sch blue, Scott's No. 9.
5. 4sch green, Scott's No. 10.
6. 7sch orange, Scott's No. 11.
7. 9sch yellow, Scott's No. 12.

The Second Issue.

In 1864, Hamburg occupied the Danish post-office in that city, owing to the war between Prussia and Austria and Denmark, as explained in our introductory notes, and a stamp of $\frac{1}{4}$ sch was wanted immediately. This was issued on February 29th but while it was being prepared the $\frac{1}{4}$ sch was bisected and the halves used in making up the $\frac{1}{4}$ sch rate. Though no decree seems to have been issued authorising this bisection the authorities appear to have permitted it and undoubtedly bona-fide "splints" used on original covers are known. A month after the issue of the $\frac{1}{4}$ sch label the retaliatory tactics pursued by Hamburg and Denmark resulted in the issue of a $2\frac{1}{2}$ sch stamp. Both of these values were produced by lithography, presumably owing to the fact that they were wanted in a hurry.

The central design on the $\frac{1}{4}$ sch is very similar to that of the series of 1859 but with a netted background. The name "HAMBURG" is arched at the top. "POSTMARKE" is on a straight label which extends right across the foot of the stamp and the value is shown in words on the side tablets. In each of the upper angles an uncolored Maltese cross is shown on a ground of solid color.



There was a space of 3 mm. between the stamps of both the vertical and horizontal rows, and lines were ruled in these in both directions corresponding with the vertical lines appearing in the preceding series. There were no figures at the ends of the horizontal rows and no marginal inscription was shown at the top of the sheet. According to the late Mr. W. A. S. Westoby "it would seem that later on in the same year another transfer was made, as the stamps are found closer together on the sheet, being $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. apart, vertically and horizontally, with lines between and numerals opposite each vertical and horizontal row." Impressions from this second plate, we are told, may be recognised by their indistinct and blurred appearance and the fact that the color is always a deep red-lilac.

Basing his remarks on the wonderful study of these stamps made by Mr. Vicenz in 1907, M. Brunel takes us much deeper into the subject. We learn that the stamps were printed in sheets of 192 stamps arranged in two panes of ninety-six each, placed side by side. In making up the lithographic stone the lithographer took twelve transfers from his original drawing making a block of three horizontal rows of four. This block was then re-transferred to the stone sixteen times. Each of the twelve stamps in the transfer block differs in minute particulars from the others giving twelve types and these were arranged on the stone as follows:—

1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12

Those of our readers who wish to study the peculiarities distinguishing the types should refer to M. Brunel's article in the *Postage Stamp*.

Mr. Westoby's supposition that there was a second stone was amply proved by Mr. Vicenz. This was also composed of sixteen transfers of a block of twelve but, as the original transfer block had been destroyed, a new one had to be made, consequently the types differ from those of the first stone.

The design of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ schilling was similar as regards the centerpiece, but all the inscriptions were on straight tablets, and in the corners were Maltese crosses enclosed in small squares. The stamps were arranged about $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. apart, both vertically and horizontally, and they show dividing lines as in the $\frac{1}{4}$ sch. There were numerals opposite the ends of each vertical and horizontal row.



M. Brunel tells us that there were also two stones for this value, each being composed of two panes of 96 stamps and each of these stones, like the $\frac{1}{4}$ sch being composed of transfers of twelve types, all differing in small particulars. Those of our readers interested cannot do better than study M. Brunel's article already referred to.

Both values were printed on white wove paper watermarked with undulating lines as shown in the typographic stamps. They were issued imperforate and with gum of a much paler tinge than that employed for the preceding series.

The stamps were lithographed by the firm of C. Adler, of Hamburg and the designs were apparently drawn by one of the employees of the firm. Mr. R. Thiele tells us that "the original stone is still in existence, on which the drawing of the $\frac{1}{4}$ sch may be seen in close proximity to the letterhead of a wholesale liquor dealer." (*Philatelic Record*, Vol. XXXI, page 118.) The $\frac{1}{4}$ sch may be found in numerous shades ranging from deep red-lilac to grey. There was also a small printing in blue. The $2\frac{1}{2}$ sch on the other hand, hardly varies in tint at all.

Reference List.

1864. Lithographed. Wmk. undulating lines. Imperf.

8. $\frac{1}{4}$ sch red-lilac, Scott's No. 3 or 3a.
9. $\frac{1}{4}$ sch grey, Scott's No. 4.
10. $\frac{1}{4}$ sch blue, Scott's No. 5.
11. $2\frac{1}{2}$ sch green, Scott's No. 7.

(To be continued.)

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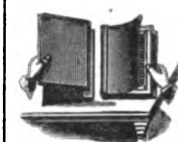
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The Engineering Societies' Building on West 39th street is a magnificent edifice the stories of which I have not stopped to count. Suffice it for my purpose to say that five stories are wholly or partly devoted to the stamp exhibition, and the opening "exercises" were indulged in in the very fine "auditorium."

After an opening performance by the orchestra, Mr. J. C. Morgenthau ("Julius Caesar Morgenthau" as he will henceforth be known) the Hon. President of the Board of Directors of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions Incorporated, made a short speech of introduction and welcome. He said,

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Mr. Morgenthau then resigned the charge of the meeting to Mr. George H. Worthington, Hon. President of the Exhibition, and America's greatest stamp collector. I was especially interested in Mr. Worthington's short address for it gave us an insight into the attitude of the shrewd business magnate in regard to our hobby.

Mr. Worthington who was received with loud applause said:

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The Hon. Thomas W. Churchill, President of the Board of Education, City of New York, then gave an address of welcome on behalf of the city. He said:

"The other day, after I had made an absolute promise to myself, which I never keep, that I would not go out in the evenings for a long time to come, not because the weather was inclement, but in order to gain the acquaintanceship of my family—I have a collection—I received a telephone message from Julius Caesar Morgenthau, and recognizing that in the course of twenty odd years, all of them odd, even the even years, this was my old instructor I realized I could not refuse him to go anywhere. I read this word "philately" and found that done into English it meant "stamps." I told him I knew nothing about them and he said 'whatever you do don't speak about stamps—stamps are caviare to the general and you are the general.' I replied if I were not to talk about stamps I must talk about him." Mr. Churchill proceeded to eulogize philately and described its devotees as members of a great secret society to be in which required the cultivation of some "divine touch." He considered he had been asked to attend because the board of Education over which he had the honor to preside had been dubbed "Rubber Stamps." He thought for a long while that he was "cancelled but he was

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H. F. COLMAN,

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

still unobliterated" "and though I am not that 'Baltimore' nor that 'Mauritius' thing that is not properly spelt, (sic) I am very well content to be a fly in that rich amber that he (Mr. Morgenthau) has mellowed all these years of our separation." Discussing stamps as labels he said, his label was rubber, he did not know whether Ex-Mayor Sulzers was "special delivery" or "internal revenue." Richard the Third he considered the greatest collector of heads, and Chaucer of tales. The only instance he ever knew of a stamp collector who was unhappy was George III.

The outstanding feature of the exercise was an important and interesting address from Mr. Joseph E. Ralph, the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, of which the following is a full report. Mr. Ralph in addition to outlining the methods of production of the postage stamps of the United States gives some very remarkable statistics of the postage stamp output of his department. The Hon. Joseph E. Ralph said:—

Mr. President, Delegates to the International Philatelic Exhibition, Ladies and Gentlemen: It affords me much pleasure to meet with you tonight and to make the acquaintance of my best customers. While the Bureau, which I have the honor to direct, prints all of the securities of the United States Government, which embraces checks, drafts, bonds, paper money, revenue, customs, parcel post and postage stamps and certificates of deposit for the Post Office Department, and knowing the object which brings you here, I will only discuss that which is of greatest interest to you, the methods of printing our postage stamps.

I fear that I have not sufficient time to touch upon the technique of the manufacture of postage stamps as fully as I would like to, but if in my remarks I have omitted to touch upon those essential features which interest you most, I shall be very glad to answer any questions you might ask concerning our stamps at the close of my remarks.

It has been our constant endeavor not only to safeguard our stamps and circumvent their counterfeiting, but to make them really artistic. When you comprehend the small space allowed for artistic embellishment, you necessarily must marvel at the results we obtain. The difficulty encountered in designing a stamp I shall touch upon later on, but let me say that we should be pleased to receive suggestions from you men who devote so much time and so much expense adding to your collections, and to whose energy we no doubt are very much indebted for what we have to be proud of in our American stamps.

In our great factory each day forty-four million postage stamps are manufactured, counted and put up in packages ready for shipment to the 62,000 post offices throughout the United States. This daily output would cover approximately eight acres of land if laid out flat, or make a chain of stamps 703 miles long when laid end to end.

I do not believe one could go far wrong in asserting that the prosperity of a country and the standard of the in-

telligence of its citizens may be gauged by the consumption of its postage stamps. As an illustration of this statement, an idea of the business growth of the United States may be gleaned from the fact that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing delivered 10,937,926,987 perfect postage stamps during the fiscal year 1913, representing a face value of \$185,504,556.20.

The engraving division is the corner stone of the Bureau and the bulwark of our securities. In this division every form of security I have mentioned above have their origin, and the most artistic and skilled engravers that the world produces are employed here.

Steel engraving is the perfection of art as applied to securities; it differs from painting and sculpturing, inasmuch as the engraver who carves his work on steel plates must deliberately study the effect of each infinitesimal line. Free hand, with a diamond-pointed tool known as a graver, aided by a powerful magnifying glass, he carves away, conscious that one false cut or slip of his tool or miscalculation of depth or width of line will destroy the artistic merit of his creation, and weeks or months of labor will have been in vain. In no other form of printing can the beautiful, soft and yet strong effects in black and white be obtained as in steel engraving. The introduction of cheap mechanical process work has superseded the beautiful creations of our master engraver commercially, and now we find the art limited to the engraving of securities as applied in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The work in this division is classified and divided so that the engravers become specially skilled in some particular branch of the art. For instance, they are classified as portrait, script, square letter and ornamental engravers. Each is confined to his own specialty, and thus becomes unusually expert, the result being that not only better work is secured, but a greater amount is turned out in a given time, and what is of greater importance, increased security is obtained. The individual excellencies and characteristics of a number of men are impressed upon every stamp issued. Therefore, it would be as difficult for one engraver to make a perfect reproduction of a Government plate as it would be for the reader to reproduce an absolute facsimile of his or her own signature, and, strange as it may seem, no one has yet accomplished this feat.

To the credit of the engravers and employees of this division, it should be stated that in the history of the Bureau none of its employees has ever engaged in counterfeiting.

When it is determined to issue a new stamp, the matter is discussed by the officials having charge of the several branches of the service involved, and the conclusions reached are embodied in a model made by a trained designer, which is submitted for the criticisms of the officers who discussed the matter in the first place. The model is then modified in accordance with their criticisms, and is finally approved by the Postmaster General.

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hands of the engravers who cut it upon a small piece of annealed steel. After the approval of a proof of this engraving, it is heated red-hot in cyanide of potassium and hardened by suddenly dipping it into oil and water. This single engraved subject is duplicated 450 times upon the large plates that the stamps are printed from by means of the transfer process.

This is a method of reproducing engraving devised many years ago by Jacob Perkins, an inventive American, who may be considered the father of the present method of duplicating banknotes and stamp plates. It consists of making a reversed duplicate or mould of the original engraving by rolling a soft, annealed steel roll upon it in the transfer press. Being accurately guided and held by the mechanism of this press continued rolling under high pressure forces the soft steel of the roll into the engraved lines of the original design, and forms an exact counterpart, in relief of it. This roll, being hardened, is used to duplicate the engraving, by the same process, upon a soft steel plate, which it will do a great number of

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times before wearing out, reserving the
 original engraving, or die as it is called,
 for making additional rolls. The original
 engraving is never printed from except
 to make what is known as die-
 proofs.

The paper required for the manufac-
 ture of the postage stamps for the fiscal
 year just ended amounted to 480,000
 pounds, and to make this paper 1500
 spruce trees were ground to a pulp.
 These trees are cut on the mountains
 of western North Carolina, and covered
 an area of sixty acres. Had the trees
 been converted into lumber, over fifty
 well appointed bungalows could have
 been built, and the paper itself would
 make an edition of over 1,500,000 twen-
 ty-page seven column newspaper.

About 500 men are engaged in the
 pulp mills in which the pulp is made in
 North Carolina, and the same number is
 employed in the paper mills at Hamil-
 ton, Ohio, in which the finished paper
 is produced. Six hundred men and
 women find employment in the Bureau
 in the manufacture of the stamps, so
 you will see that a small sized army is
 daily engaged in getting them ready for
 the consumer.

You delight in and require your spec-
 imen to have equally perforated mar-
 gins of blank paper—as you term it,
 to be perfectly centered—and wonder
 why all of our stamps are not so perfect.
 If you could follow the spruce log from
 the time it is cut from the mountainside
 to its final appearance in the finished
 product, you would marvel that we get
 the results as good as we do.

The paper being printed wet contracts
 on drying, and the mathematically cor-
 rect layout of the engraved plate bears
 only an approximate relation to the
 dried, printed sheet. The paper we
 print today will vary in shrinkage
 from that we print tomorrow. As the
 physical properties of the tree govern
 the expansion and contraction of the
 paper made therefrom, no two sheets
 are exactly the same size. The actual
 difference in size of the individual
 stamp is too minute to be readily dis-



NEXT AUCTION -- NOVEMBER 29TH IN PHILADELPHIA

Nice general collection, property of Rev. W. F. Stowe and others comprise
 ing many desirable single stamps, also some nice wholesale lots, entire col-
 lections, etc. The catalogues are out. If you have not received one, write
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 in course of preparation. Watch for them.

PHILADELPHIA STAMP COMPANY,

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1904 CHESTNUT STREET

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

cernible, but becomes a serious factor
 when the row is twenty stamps long as
 we now print the sheets.

But that is not all. To smooth the paper
 for the operation of gumming, it is sub-
 jected to 500 tons pressure in a hy-
 draulic press, and if very dry it
 stretches but very little, but if the day
 is damp and humid, it stretches per-
 ceptibly. The contraction of the gum
 itself is a factor, and the atmospheric
 conditions still another. Our perforating
 machines have not human intelligence,
 and they blindly perforate the sheets
 alike until their adjustment is changed.
 Therefore, the best we can do is to
 average the adjustment and it is only by
 chance that all the perforations are ex-
 actly central. Of course, you will un-
 derstand that typographic printing be-
 ing done on dry paper eliminates many
 of these problems, and no great feat is
 performed in perfectly centering a dry
 printed stamp.

The amount of ink required for print-
 ing the stamps for the last fiscal year
 was 568,117 pounds.

The present method of printing
 stamps is accomplished upon what is
 known as "four plate power presses." Four
 plates are used in order that the
 operations of inking, wiping, polishing
 and taking the impressions may be done
 simultaneously. This press requires the
 services of a printer to polish the plates,
 one girl to lay the sheet in position, and
 another girl to take it off after printing.

After each two hundred sheets are
 printed, they are counted and dried.
 To secure a flat surface for subsequent
 operations, they are pressed in a hy-
 draulic press.

They are next gummed by passing be-
 neath a glass roller which is bathed in
 a solution of dextine, (which forms the
 gum,) and the sheets are then carried
 by grippers through a drying chamber
 in which the gum is dried in less than
 thirty seconds. Just before leaving the
 gumming machine, the sheets are car-
 ried through a device that breaks the
 gum into innumerable cracks and ma-
 terially prevents subsequent cracking.

The printed and gummed sheet of 400
 stamps is now fed through a rotary per-
 forator that perforates the stamps in one
 direction and cuts the sheet in half.
 Another perforator of the same con-
 struction perforates the stamps cross-
 wise and makes another cut, thereby
 quartering the original sheet.

After a close and rigid inspection,
 these sheets are counted and made into
 packages for final packing for shipment
 to the post offices.

The gum on the back of the stamps is
 made by scientifically roasting the high-
 est grade of tapioca starch such as is
 used for making pudding, and as 450,150
 pounds were used last year, all of the
 inhabitants of New York city would
 have been given their fill of tapioca
 pudding for one meal with the material
 used.

The sheets of 100 stamps each, as
 sent to the post offices during the fiscal
 year 1913, piled upon each other, would
 make a shaft over 6 miles high, and
 placed end to end would make a strip
 over 16,000 miles long; and as there are
 ten rows of stamps in each sheet, a
 strip of single stamps would be more
 than 160,000 miles long, enough to gir-
 dle the earth six times, with something
 over.

Just a few words of a technical
 nature relative to the inks used in the
 printing of postage stamps. Before I be-
 came Director of the Bureau, colors for
 making inks for printing stamps and
 other securities were selected by com-
 parison with a standard for match in
 hue and color strength, no attention be-
 ing paid to their permanency. The

natural result was colors that were
 notorious for fading. At that time
 little was known of any systematic
 method of testing for permanency, and
 when I undertook to secure standards
 that were permanent, I had to devise
 methods.

The deterioration of colors is caused
 by the action of both light and atmos-
 phere. Chemical composition will give
 a clue as to the action of atmosphere,
 but the action of light is more subtle,
 and nothing short of an actual test is
 of value. Of course, it is impracticable
 to have a test extending over years of
 time, so some method had to be devised
 to give results in days.

It has been determined from exhaus-
 tive experiments that a color that will
 not change after exposure to bright
 sunlight in the summer for a period of
 three days can be relied upon to with-
 stand days of exposure in the diffused
 light of an ordinary room. The amount
 of actinic light given off by the sun dur-
 ing a cloudless day in summer was
 measured photographically, and by the
 same method the amount can be gauged
 on a cloudy or rainy day. This enabled
 a standard condition to be measured
 and governed.

The amount of fading in such a day,
 even with rather fugitive colors is very
 slight, so the following method was de-
 vised to determine what effect long ex-
 posure would have. A strip of paper
 printed with an ink made from the
 color was exposed to light one, two, and
 three days, with a part protected by
 black paper. By comparison of the ex-
 posed parts with that protected by black
 paper, it was found that some of the
 colors would fade a little more each
 day, and others would fade for the first
 day, and remain stable for the other two
 days. The former were classed as pro-
 gressive in fading, and the inference is
 that they would eventually fade away.
 The assumption is that the others would
 fade slightly and then remain perman-
 ent. Further experience has corrobo-
 rated this view, and today no colors are
 used in the Bureau that show progres-
 sive fading.

We now make fading tests with an
 artificial light—the quartz mercury lamp
 —which is on the same principle as the
 familiar Cooper-Hewitt mercury tube,
 except it is so high in the ultra-violet,
 or actinic, rays, that it is enclosed in a
 special protective casing to prevent
 those near it from being sunburned,
 which would be the case if they were
 exposed to it for a few minutes.

In securing permanent colors, we had
 to sacrifice some of the brilliancy that
 is characteristic of nearly all of the an-
 iline colors, although there is solidity
 and softness that is more artistic in our
 present series.

The only aniline colors we use are
 the reds, and those colors that contain
 red (purples and browns and oranges).
 For yellow we use chrome yellow; for
 blue, Prussian blue and ultramarine,
 and for black we use bone-black, which
 is practically carbon. All of these are
 minerals except Prussian blue, which
 is partly organic and partly inorganic.

The source of some of these colors
 may be of interest to you. The aniline
 reds are made from coal-tar; the Prus-
 sian blue was originally made from cal-
 cined horn, but now from a great vari-
 ety of substances, and can even be made
 electrolytically from the nitrogen of the
 air; the ultra-marine was originally made
 from lapis-lazuli, but now synthetically
 by calcining its constituents; the chrome
 yellow is made articially and is chemi-
 cally chromate of lead. The bone black
 is made from calcined bones, as its
 name would indicate.

(To be continued.)

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 of the 20th Century, consisting of many 1sh
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*No. 34, 5sh br. & black.	5.00	4.00
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*No. 36, 1sh 6d gr. & car.	1.00	.80
*No. 37, 2sh black & orange.	2.00	1.60
*No. 38, 2sh 6d purple & br'n	1.50	1.25
*No. 49, 10d br. & car.	1.50	1.25
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EDITORIAL.

Repeating Its Triumphs—The International Philatelic Exhibition though closed in actuality is being reopened in imagination to those who did not attend but have the privilege of listening to the stories from the lips of those who saw it all. The collectors who were present at the philatelic event of the decade will find their audiences flatteringly attentive as they tell of the glories of that week. Our accounts of the Exhibition will be appreciated, we know, by our readers and our satisfaction in having secured the services of Mr. Fred. J. Melville of London, perhaps the most widely known working philatelist of our times, to tell the story will be shared by our readers.

Public Response—The question of the attendance of the public at the Exhibition which was one of the gravest that confronted the managers of the Exhibition before the opening was happily settled. Experienced promoters of entertainments or exhibitions of a semi-public nature know that up to the last moment it is a matter of conjecture just how the public will respond to their invitations. Such is the irony of chance that when conditions seemingly are favorable, it is sometimes the case that the public almost wholly ignores the offering; and again, when prospects are not encouraging, it develops that results are brightest. The astute managers must trust to advertising and keep their spirits sanguine. This the promoters of the International Philatelic Exhibition did and the attendance of the public at the festival of philately rounded out a golden week for philately.

Made in Germany—From Dr. C. F. Roh, Garrison, Nebraska, we have received an interesting budget. He sends blocks of six from the new German stamp books, showing the page with the four 10pf and the two 5pf. The two 5pf are the first two stamps at left in the upper row. The two blocks, one

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used and the other unused show shades of both stamps. The red and the green stamps, *se tenant*, are a striking sight for the collector. Dr. Roh has a postal from Leipzig, showing the Volkerschlachtendenkmal, which is canceled not only by a special postmark, reading: Weihe des Volkerschlacht-Denkmal, (Dedication of the War Monument) but also, a cancellation of a fac-simile of the monument, in conjunction with the postmark. In good sooth, Germany is a postal originator. Dr. Roh shows a postal card from Germany which he received May 15th, 1913, on which the 5pf postage due doubled, of course, was paid by two 1-cent parcel post dues.

Propaganda Stamps—Mr. W. E. Marsh, editor of the Western Newspaper Union, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, writes: "Here's one that will beat the Mexican army provisionals. The letter came through and was delivered in Birmingham, Alabama, with no other stamps whatever. The inscription is good Hebrew and translated, means, 'Everlasting Foundation for the Jews.' I take it that the stamps have about the same status as the charity and Red Cross labels. That it came through is due probably to a Jewish clerk having been in charge at the office of mailing. My Yiddish friend tells me that the postmark is Jaffa, or the local equivalent of it." As Mr. Marsh says there is every indication that the two labels on the envelope were accepted as discharging full postal duty; and the cover is a good example of postal complaisance. The labels have much of the appearance of real stamps, however, and it is just possible that they deceived the clerk. The stamps are oblong in shape and are simply but well engraved, the design representing a typical eastern scene of fronded palms flanking characteristic temples and other edifices. The inscription is on a label extending the length of the bottom of the stamp. These labels were issued to promote the plan of replacing the Turkish suzerainty over Palestine, in Syria, with a Jewish nation; and the movement has the support of many influential Jews. We do not need to add that the labels have no postal validity. The colors of the two labels in question are red brown and a sort of olive gray.

"24: 1c-2c"—Under date of October 25th, 1913, the following notice, "New Variety of Stamp Book," was issued by the department: "Postmasters are notified that the Department is prepared to issue a new variety of stamp book, containing 24 1-cent and 24 2-cent stamps. The selling price will be 73 cents per book." The new books are to be designated on postmasters' requisitions as "24: 1c-2c." The enterprise of the authorities in adopting a book to include an equal number of ones and twos will be appreciated. It has been said that it was a traveling man who first suggested to the department the advisability of issuing the two denominations in a single book. Speaking of suggestions to the department, the one that a linen-lined registration envelope be issued so that a substitute might be had by the public for the flimsy cover-

ing often pressed into service was made originally at a state convention of postmasters in Missouri; and the WEEKLY at the time commented favorably upon the circumstance.

Of All the Places—Mr. Wm. F. Palmer says: "Last summer when I was having my house wired for lights, the workmen found an obstruction in a side wall. On cutting through at that point, they found some old letters and envelopes. The letters were sent and dated in 1845, 1846 and 1848 and bore no stamps but the envelopes in the lot had a pleasanter aspect in a philatelic sense, as aside from the stamped impression, they had an interest by reason of their postal markings. The envelopes which were two of the different dies of the three-cent 1853 issue, United States, were sent from Lahaina, Maui, Sandwich Islands, or Hawaiian Islands as they became later. These envelopes were forwarded by Waldo and Company, Maui, and came by way of Vera Cruz, Mexico, and Pensacola, Florida. Maui is one of the islands of the Hawaiian group. The house was built in 1860 and the covers and envelopes were entombed from that time, in all probability." These envelopes should go well with Mr. Palmer's cover with a pair of one penny, New Zealand, 1909 issue, canceled at Honolulu, Hawaii. We, too, have a ship letter, originating in New Zealand, bearing a two-cent United States, canceled with a New Zealand postmark.

Fumigated—Speaking of Hawaiian covers, we have found one of the best examples of a plague letter in existence. We need not say that letters or envelopes conveying baleful suggestions of disease through the warning markings on them are not treasured as a rule by the recipients but on the contrary, destroyed at once. In fact, it is only when a philatelist who is so thoroughly inoculated with the germs of philately as to be immune from other diseases rescues letters of the kind that the philatelic curiosities are preserved. Our plague letter is addressed to the Chicago Varnish Company and is postmarked: "Honolulu, H. I., Jan. 24, 9 A. M., 1900;" and bears the five-cent blue, 1899, Hawaiian. There are four round holes through the envelope, one each at top and bottom and the two sides of the envelope, which is endorsed in ink: "The perforations of this envelope are for its fumigation, which is required by the Board of Health on account of the prevalence of the Bubonic Plague. W. S. P."

STAMPS STOLEN BY CLEVER THIEF.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Five rare United States stamps of the issue of 1869, valued by their owner, Clarence E. Chapman, of New York, at \$2,500, were stolen late today from the International Philatelic Exhibition, which closed tonight.

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The stamps taken included two of the 15-cent, two of the 24-cent and one of the 30-cent 1869 inverts.

Our correspondent writes as follows: "I suppose you will hear of the theft from one of the frames of five of the inverted centres of the 1869 U. S. issue belonging to Mr. Chapman, two 15c, two 24c and one 30c, and as perhaps you remember, very fine things. The fellow wiggled the brads from the upper corner of an end frame and extracted the sheet holding them. A lady gave a good description of him to the inspectors and says she can identify him. Dealers should be notified to be on the lookout should these stamps be offered them.

Coming so close upon the end of the show (it happened about 6 o'clock Saturday when but few people were present) it rather put a damper upon the close of a most successful event. There was a big jam all day and evening, and promptly at 10 p. m. the work of dismantling began. I have just reached my hotel, and thought I would let you know how things stand."

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With some experience of the direction of stamp exhibitions, I may express my high satisfaction with the arrangements, and with the quality of the exhibits which show that in our pleasurable cult of the postal stamp the American, although with less leisure than the majority of British collectors, has attained a high standard of appreciation of the true principles of what we call "philately," but which is more intelligibly expressed to the public as "stamp collecting."

Had the exhibition been a year or so earlier, the one thing lacking in the present show would have been available to the organizers, the most wonderful historical record of United States postage stamps, brought together with infinite pains and brilliant literary talent by the late premier Scottish Earl, Lord Crawford, whose collection of United States stamps alone filled nearly sixty volumes.

But here in New York are collections fully as rich in rare postage stamps, if less amplified and elaborated for the purposes of the scientific form of historical collecting, which in England we know as the "Crawford school."

For my part I am impressed most by the collections shown by Mr. George H. Worthington. I came 3,000 miles to see this exhibition, and the first few pages of Mr. Worthington's collection of United States stamps and the whole of his Confederate States Postmaster's stamps have fully justified my long journey and the time devoted to making it. Most of the other important exhibits I have seen before. Nothing of the famous Worthington collection has been seen in Europe, although but for that gentleman's ill-health last year we should have had some of his stamps on view, as he had promised me some portions of his collection for the great Jubilee International Stamp Exhibition, which I organized at the Royal Horticultural Hall, London, last October.

Mr. Worthington's Hawaiian stamps are of great value and interest, but these rarities—the "missionary" stamps especially, so called, because nearly all the known copies have been found on letters sent home to the United States by missionaries in the islands—are frequently seen at the great exhibitions in London. They range in value from \$500 to \$5,000 apiece. The five-cent Alexandria on blue paper I have never

seen before. Its value, as it is literally unique, is fabulous. Some of the Confederate Postmasters' stamps are in the same category of "unique" stamps.

The exhibition is so full of good things that it is invidious, especially for me as one of the judges, at this stage of the exhibition to enter upon comparisons. But the outstanding exhibits for richness, completeness and rarity are Mr. Worthington's, as indicated; Mr. Pack's Argentine, Cape of Good Hope, Canada, etc.; Mr. Henry J. Duveen's Mauritius, Switzerland, Transvaal, Japan, Buenos Aires, Portugal, Portuguese Indies, New South Wales, etc. One item, probably as remarkable a one as will be found in the entire exhibition, is a nearly complete sheet (all but six stamps,) of the third "Sydney View" stamp of New South Wales, which is easily worth \$10,000 to \$15,000. Mr. Duveen's stamps at the exhibition represent a total value of nearly \$150,000. Senator Ackerman's United States collection is another of considerable interest and importance.

Of most of these collections much notice has been taken since the exhibition opened. In conclusion, and before the show closes its doors, it may be well to point out some collections very wonderful in their way, but which may have been overshadowed to some extent by the exhibits of the "great Moguls."

Mr. E. M. Taylor of Altadena has a collection of nearly 60,000 varieties of Mexican stamps representing a fabulous expenditure of money and an infinite amount of laborious research. Baron Von Polansky's collection of Russian stamps is one of the prettiest in the exhibition. Everywhere in Russia there is a wondrously variegated color, and here we see the same trait in the delicately colored stamps of the Empire of the Czar.

Mr. Sydney Loder's collection of the stamps of Great Britain, from the first adhesive postage stamp ever issued (1840) up to the latest freaks of the King George issues, represent undoubtedly one of the richest collections ever brought together of the stamps of my native country. The value of this collection cannot be less than \$100,000.

Every one who has the opportunity to look in and see the most perfect copies known of the penny and two-pence Post Office Mauritius should do so. These two little pieces of printed paper, worth far more than their weight in gold, have probably never before been accessible to the view of the public in the United States. I have seen nearly all of the copies known of these stamps, and there is no question that these are the most perfect pair. True, King George has a copy of the two-pence, unused, which is equally fine; but his Majesty's copy of the penny is used. The exhibition copy of the penny stamp is one of only two known copies.—N. Y. Times.

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*Guatemala 1902, 1c to 2p, complete	1.54	.35
1902, 20, 50, 75c, 1p	.43	.10
Hayti 1904, 20c No. 100	.12	.05
1904, 5c No. 117	.25	.08
1906, 4, 5, 10c	.16	.06
Italy 1901, 5l perforated	.08	.08
Nicaragua 1913, 1/4c on 1p statue...	.03	.03
1c on 4c loco...	.03	.03
1c on 50c statue...	.03	.03
1c on 3c loco...	.04	.04
1c on 6c loco...	.06	.06
2c on 25c loco...	.03	.03
2c on 25c statue...	.04	.04
2c on 35c mount'n	.04	.04
2c on 2p statue...	.04	.04
3c on 6c...	.05	.05
5c on 35c...	.04	.04
5c on 50c...	.04	.04
Nyassa 1901, animal set 13 var...	.64	.20
* 1903, Prov. 5 var...	.46	.18
Peru 1909, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 20, 50c	.36	.12
* Philippine 1903, 13c (no gum)...	.85	.30
Union of So. Africa 1910, 2 1/2p	.06	.03
Uruguay 1909, 8 on 10c...	.08	.04
1910, 5m, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10c...	.25	.10
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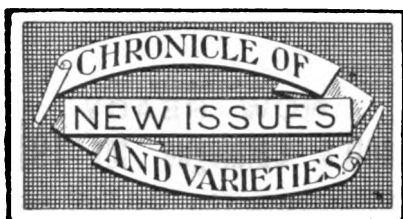
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BULGARIA.—*Lemaire's Journal* says that the following quantities were overprinted in the recent commemorative issue: 1s, 5s, 10s, 1,000,000 each; 2s, 3s, 15s, 25s, 500,000 each.

CAMEROONS.—The 5m value has appeared on paper watermarked lozenges.

CHINA.—Whitfield King & Co. report having received the \$2 value in the new set, the design being the same as the other dollar values.

Adhesive.
\$2 blue and black.
Lemaire's Journal says the surcharge "Republic of China" in square form is found on the following postage due stamps: ½c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 30c, blue; ½c, 1c, 2c, 5c, 20c, brown.

DUTCH INDIES.—*Lemaire's Journal* notes the appearance of the 7½c with figures of value on colorless background thus completing the series. Two values have also appeared in the type of the 1g recently chronicled.

Adhesives.
50c green.
2½g carmine.

GUATEMALA.—Two more provisionals have been issued by this country, according to Whitfield King & Co., who have shown us the 6c on 1p. The date and the new value are overprinted in blue black ink.

Provisional Adhesives.
On 1902 Issue.
"Seis centavos 1913" on 1p brown and black.
"Un Centavo 1913" on 50c red brown and blue.

HONDURAS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us two more values in the new homemade set. We find that the 6c is in purple black instead of black as stated in No. 1191. The 1c and 2c values are in the type of the 10c, as described in No. 1189.

Adhesives.
1c chocolate.
2c rose.

INDIA.—In re the item printed under this head in No. 1190, on the authority of Bright & Son, S. Schachne writes:

"The information imparted on page 358 in reference to the India card is erroneous. This card was offered, described and illustrated by the late Adolph Lohmeyer 12 years ago; it is listed in Senf's catalog 1911, and also in the latest Senf book, the catalog of 1914.

MEXICO.—The provisional noted in Nos. 1187 and 1189 were issued in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas, which like Sonora is located on the Mexican border.

ST. LUCIA.—Hermann Focke sends us specimens of the 4d on the new yellow paper, and also the 2d gray which is in the new Grenada type. This stamp at last replaces the 2d, 1902 issue of "The Pitons," which solitary stamp has successfully weathered the storm of new issues of the little Island. The three sets of King Edward stamps of 1902-3, 1904-6 and 1907-10 were shy a 2d value, and it looked as though the King George set would also show this deficiency, but at last the set has been completed. Strange to say, the present issue of St. Lucia consists of three distinct designs: the 4d in the Nyassaland, the 2d and 2sh 6d in the new Grenada and the remaining values in the Seychelles type, which is rather a deviation from previous custom.

Adhesive.
2d gray.
ST. THOMAS & PRINCE ISLANDS.—The 5r and 25r of the 1898-1903 issue have been locally overprinted "Republica" in condensed capitals.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report the receipt of the £1 value in the King George set. It is on red paper colored through.

Adhesive.
£1 black and purple on red.

SURINAM.—*Lemaire's Journal* notes the issue of the 1c, 2c, 2½c, and 3c values, with figures of value on colorless background.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

THE STORY OF THE BANQUET.

It was indeed a splendid spectacle when on the evening of October 30, the stamp collectors of two continents gathered in the Hotel Astor to attend the official banquet of the International Philatelic Exhibition. Nearly three hundred assembled at the tables, which were so arranged as to accommodate groups of eight. They were handsomely decorated with flowers and the whole scene was one of animation as the philatelists with their wives and lady friends made merry.

At the guest table Commodore Geo. H. Worthington graced the post of honor as honorary president, while at his right was seated Charles Lathrop Pack, the toastmaster of the occasion. The many visitors seated at the guest table made a notable gathering of philatelists.

At 7 o'clock the company gathered at the tables and the following menu was served:—

MENU.
Huitres de Blue Points
Potage Mongol
Olives Celeri Radis
Almandes Salées
Filets de Sole, Meunière
Pommes de Terre, Julienne
Ris De Veau Gratinés à La Reine
Sorbet Cardinal
Poulet de Grain Rôti au Cresson
Pommes de Terre Rissolées
Haricots Verts
Chouxfleu au Gratin
Salade Romaine
Fromage
Diablotins
Glace de Fantaisie
Gateaux Assortis
Haut Barsac, 1904
St. Julien, 1905
Café Noir

A little after eight o'clock president Worthington called the company to order and congratulating those present upon the success of the event, he expressed his appreciation of the presence of so many ladies. He declared that philately had belted the globe with a golden girdle of friendship and wherever the influence of philately has gone it has made friendship and fraternity. In closing he presented to the toastmaster of the evening, Charles Lathrop Pack, a gavel the history of which we shall publish in a following issue of the WEEKLY.

Mr. Pack was greeted with great applause. He declared that no greater democracy can be found than that represented by philately. We gather recruits from all nationalities and the different peoples of the globe are enthusiastic followers of our hobby. He expressed the opinion that the success of the Exhibition was due very largely to the co-operation extended by British philatelists and for this the promoters of the Exhibition were very grateful.

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		Silver	Alvert Coyette	G. H. Worthington	France	M 2	Silver		The Philatelic Record		
D 2		GOLD	Internationaler Philatelisten Verein, Dresden	Edw. Goldschmidt	France		Extra silver		J. M. Bartels Co.		
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		Silver gilt		Manuel Galvez	Spain		Bronze		Paul Kohl		
		Silver	W. T. Wilson	Edw. Goldschmidt	Russia & Finland		Bronze		A. Krassa		
		Extra silver	Adolph Weinberger	C. T. Harbeck	Netherlands		Bronze		W. S. Lincoln		
		Bronze		Jos. B. Froike	Greece	M 4	Bronze		J. W. Scott		
		Extra bronze		Chas. Gregory	Roumania	B 8	Extra silver gilt		A. Krassa		
D 6		GOLD	Oesterreichischer Briefmarken-Handler-Verein	H. J. Reckitt	Bosnia				W. S. Lincoln		
		Diploma		H. J. Duveen	Portugal				Mrs. E. M. Randall.	U. S. Env., cut sq.	
		Silver gilt	Garfield Perry Stamp Club	E. M. Taylor	Montenegro						
		Extra silver gilt		Jos. B. Leavy	Norway						
		Silver	Adolph Weinberger	Chas. Gregory	Balkan State						
		Extra silver		Jos. S. Rich	Poland						
D 7		SPECIAL GOLD	Ober-Elsaessischer Philatelisten Club	Henry G. Brock	Turkey						
		Special gilt		H. J. Duveen	Portuguese India						
		Extra silver gilt		A. J. Warren	Dutch Colonies						
		Silver	Societe Francaise de Timbrologie	T. W. Hall	Danish West Indies						
		Extra silver		J. W. Bartels	Martinique						
E 1		GOLD	L. W. Charlat	H. B. Newman	Macao						
		Special silver gilt		H. J. Duveen	Buenos Ayres						
E 2		GOLD	Burger & Co.	L. L. Hubbard	Colombian Rep.						
E 3		Silver gilt	Philadelphia Stamp Club	Henry G. Brock	Mexico						
		Silver		G. H. Worthington	Dominican Rep.						
F 1		GOLD		H. J. Duveen	Chile						
		Special silver gilt		L. W. Charlat	Nicaragua						
		Special silver gilt		Julian Park	Guatemala						
		Silver		J. H. Barnhart	Paraguay						
		Extra silver		Col. F. H. Hancock	Afghanistan						
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—C. B. Bostwick submits a block of four of the Patiala State 4 annas Service, head of King Edward, one of the stamps having a variety in which the "E" of state is so broken off as to make a very presentable "F."

—We are advised by M. Ohlman of a death in the family which will require a visit to the South-land. This will account for any apparent delay in his attention to the details of business.

—We have received from the International Stamp Co. a very handsome art calendar for 1914. This firm is taking time by the forelock. We appreciate the courtesy extended.

—We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the new 1c Canada King George post card from G. P. Hawley. The design is identical with that of the stamp of this value.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from C. M. Breder, H. S. Williams and W. L. McAttee.

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By FRED J. MELVILLE.

(Continued from page 387.)

The science of color, which has advanced to a rational stage only in recent years, is too complex to be treated at length here, but there are a few phenomena that may be of interest to you. An ink is not a simple color, and it shows two distinct hues, known as overtone and undertone. These may be simply defined as the color transmitted from the surface or reflected, and that transmitted through the ink. As appreciable thickness of the ink may be a red of yellowish cast, while an excessive thin layer may exhibit a bluish cast. The former is known as overtone and the latter undertone. When a postage stamp plate is new, the overtone will predominate, while as it wears the undertone becomes apparent. This partly explains what you term as shades, although there are other factors that govern this variation. Although we take precautions to use an ink that exhibits the minimum of difference between overtone and undertone, and discard the plate when it exhibits pronounced wear, this variation is bound to exist.

The yellowing of paper, which is inevitable no matter how expensive the paper may be, changes the color by introducing just that amount of yellow just as surely as if it were added to the ink formula.

Exposure to acid fumes, no matter how dilute, sooner or later will affect the color to produce shades, and it is not our purpose to make an indestructible ink, for if we did there would be no difficulty in removing the cancellation marks and using a stamp indefinitely. We aim to give you the best that we can make that will meet with all conditions.

You are all aware, no doubt, of the destruction by the Bureau of a large number of the two-cent Panama-Pacific Commemorative stamps as the result of an error in the designation of same. There were 41,064,800 of these stamps printed, having a value of \$821,296, yet not a single stamp of this series ever left the Bureau. What a prize one of those stamps would have been to the collector?

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reau after November 15th, when the machine will be in operation.

The Bureau has on exhibition photographs showing the process of making postage stamps. This exhibit contains two photographs showing the front and rear views of this interesting rotary printing press. Our exhibit also contains a specimen of the first work printed by this machine.

Mr. Stickney, the inventor of this machine, is present here tonight, and I know he would be pleased to explain the technique of the machine to anyone present who may be interested.

After short speeches from Brigadier General Coolidge, President of the American Philatelic Society and Mr. Frederick R. Cornwall, Ex-President of the same National Society, the proceedings terminated.

The Judges had their first Meeting tonight—and will start their arduous task of adjudicating the 325 exhibits first thing in the morning. The Judges are:

United States—A. H. Caspary, F. R. Cornwall, Eugene Klein, John A. Klemann, John N. Luff, B. W. H. Poole, Walter S. Scott.

Great Britain—D. Field, L. L. R. Hausburg, Fred. J. Melville.

Mr. E. D. Bacon who was to have acted as a Judge was detained in England, and while many regrets have been expressed at his absence the news of his appointment to the custodianship of the King's collection, in succession of the late Mr. J. A. Tilleard has been received here with the greatest satisfaction.

New York, October 27, 1913.—Today at 2 o'clock the doors of America's first great international stamp exhibition were opened to the public. The main halls were fully ready to provide a philatelic feast the like of which has never been spread before in any of the world's capitals. True there have been more extensive and more comprehensive displays, but for a galaxy of philatelic pearls of great price the New York show has already proved a "top-notch-er." Here we have glimpses of the treasures of a trio of Monte Christos among philatelists, and as one wanders up and down the numerous avenues between the exhibits thousand-dollar stamps call for attention at every step.

Wealth of exhibits is the key-note of the New York show. The total value of the stamps represented in their frames is not less than two and a half million dollars and from a first survey of the stamps it is inconceivable that they could be replaced for anything like that sum. Think of it—\$2,500,000 in a few thousand small rectangular slips of paper. Denuded of their mounts the whole of the stamps in this show would go into a small "grip" which could be handed around a kindergarten class without putting any excessive strain on the lifting powers of "babes and sucklings."

There are three exhibitors who stand out with the greatest prominence. Mr. George H. Worthington, the King of American stamp men shows several important sections of his collection, and his exhibits all told must be worth

nearly 250,000 dollars; this selection being only a part of his million dollar collection which has been promised to the Cleveland Museum of Art after the owner's death, an event which I trust may long be deferred. Next comes Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack second in some respects to Mr. Worthington in the extent of his philatelic possessions, but first in regard to his highly specialized collections, which, in their line are not equalled in the collections of any other collector in the world. Mr. Pack is the great "Lumber King" of America and has been for some time past the President of the National Conservation Association of America.

Third, yet first and second in the trio, for it is invidious at this juncture to give precedence to any one of the "Big Three" is Mr. Henry J. Duveen of the famous firm of art connoisseurs, who owns what is undoubtedly the greatest private collection of postage stamps in the United Kingdom. New York claims a share of Mr. Duveen as a philatelist for that gentleman divides his time pretty much between his business interests in London and in New York. Mr. Duveen crossed the Atlantic on the Mauretania leaving Liverpool on October 11th and his luggage was weighted down with a score or more albums of the Oriel type, making up a total value for insurance purposes of \$350,000. On the same ship were several other notable British collections, and the Mauretania's cargo of philatelic gems on that voyage represented a cash value of upwards of \$600,000.

On entering the main exhibition hall on the fifth floor of the Exhibition one is confronted with Mr. Worthington's exhibit, one of the most notable exhibits in the show. The first three frames are of exceptional interest and value. Here follow in rapid succession stamps whose value is beyond expression. The first three stamps in the first frame are examples of the 5 cents stamps issued by the postmaster of Alexandria in 1846 before the issue of postage stamps by the United States Government, but subsequent to the passage of the Act of Congress authorizing the preparation and use of stamps in the United States postal service. There are two copies of this stamp of simple circular type-set device on buff paper and one, the rarest of stamps, on blue paper. The stamp on blue paper is unique, and in this respect vies with the celebrated unique stamp—the 1 cent British Guiana 1856 issue—in the possession of the world's greatest collector, M. La Renotière of Paris.

Among the stamps of Baltimore there are several superb copies of the 5 cents on various papers, and of the great rarity the 10 cents, a fine copy on white paper is shown. The Brattleboro stamp is represented by several copies and the show of these pales into insignificance before the extraordinary display of St. Louis stamps. These St. Louis, as most collectors know, are among the most prized of American stamps issued in the pre-Government postage stamp period in the United States. Mr. Worthington shows them in singles, reconstructed plates and some most interesting examples on covers. There

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are no fewer than 54 of these St. Louis stamps in this one exhibit and it is surely no exaggeration to say that no other individual collection can excel this one in its wealth of St. Louis stamps.

The Carriers include such things as a pair of the Franklin Carrier, unused, with gum; the New York Carrier on rosy buff, unused; the 2c on 3c, used on cover; the 2c red in unused pair; a block of 19 unused of the Philadelphia Carrier 1c gold on black; the Baltimore and Philadelphia Carriers are complete. The Government issues consist of several thousand blocks and sheets, and contain such rare unused blocks as the 5c, 1847, 5c, 1857, brick red; 1861-66, block of twelve, 3c pink; block of six 24c steel blue; 1867, 90c, 1869; block of ten of the 4c Columbian error. The Premier Gravure issue of 1861 is complete. The 15c 1869, unused o. g., with picture inverted, and the 30c of the same issue, unused o. g., with flags inverted. The Special Printings are complete. All the Bureau Printings are represented by entire sheets. The Department stamps are all in blocks.

Mr. George H. Worthington, having no competition in Section I, Class A, of the United States Championship collections, undoubtedly fully merited the Gold Medal of the Championship which has been awarded him.

In Section 2, Mr. Franz Reichenheim shows his well-known collection of France. Mr. A. J. Warren shows a Holland collection and Mr. Sydney Loder (who has greatly extended and improved his collection of Great Britain stamps since it was last exhibited) has won the Championship Gold Medal in Section II.

Among some recent gems added to the Loder collections are some Mint blocks of the 6d octagonal; 4 blocks of six each of the 2d deep bright violet blue. He also shows the two-pence large crown, Plate 5, in two mint specimens and one Plate 6, also in blue.

A curiosity which might be open to some question is a copy of the one



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penny George V. of the medallion type now current, said to be a penny of orange vermilion; the specimen showing having been used on the envelope—has certainly a questionable appearance, but I have seen stamps present a somewhat similar appearance when suspected of tampering to remove writing.

Another curiosity in the Loder collection is a copy of the two-pence blue imperforate, having a line extending from eye to ear which produces the effect of Queen Victoria wearing spectacles, called the "spectacle" variety.

Another addition since I saw it last is a block of 15 retouched die of the penny red; another important acquisition is the 9 penny straw, Plate 5, unused.

Mr. Loder's collection which now runs to 600 pages is estimated to be worth about \$100,000.

The other collections in this section, already mentioned, have been described by me at some length at previous exhibits.

In Section III, we find Mr. Duveen and Mr. Worthington, two of the greatest exhibitors in the Exhibition pitted against each other.—Mr. Duveen shows British Guiana and Mauritius.

His British Guianas include a very fine pair of the 2c circular stamp on cover, and a 4c on pelure paper with very large margins, also on cover. The issues of 1852-53 and the provisional issue of 1856 are well represented, the latter including two copies of the 4c on blue surfaced paper and two copies on dark blue "sugar" paper, one being on cover. The plates of the provisional issue of 1862 are reconstructed of initialed specimens, unused and used.

Mr. Duveen's Mauritius includes the unused copies of both 1d and 2d "Post Office" shown. The issue of 1848 includes a block of four of the 1d and a single copy of the 2d, both on yellowish paper and unused, in the earliest state of the plate; also a block of four of the 2d on yellowish paper, unused, medium state of the plate. There are reconstructed plates of both values and numerous specimens showing all stages of wear of the plates. There are also reconstructed plates of the small and large "fillet" of 1859 as well as single specimens unused and used. The collection includes numerous unused copies of the lithographed stamps of 1859, a perforated 1sh green of 1862, unused, and is practically complete in all the subsequent issues, unused.

In this section also Mr. Worthington shows a collection of Transvaal, practically complete according to Gibbons' catalogue. The Championship Gold Medal in this 3rd Section was awarded to Mr. Henry J. Duveen.

In Section IV, of the Championship Gold Medal class there are only four exhibits, but each one is remarkable for extent, for general interest and for completeness.

Mr. Pack, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Duveen and Mr. Edward M. Taylor are all in the competition here.

Mr. Worthington's Hawaiian Islands includes a cover bearing one 2c and 5c "Missionary," a 5c and 13c "Missionary," unused o. g.; one 5c used on cover and two 13c used. The Numerals are represented by reconstructed sheets, original uncut sheets, and many singles showing errors, etc. The engraved issues are all represented by blocks and entire sheets. This collection was awarded the Championship Gold Medal in this section.

Hon. Edward M. Taylor received a Special Award of the Judges of a silver cup for original research for his highly specialized collection of Mexican stamps running to nearly 60,000 varieties.

Each issue opens with a display of stamps emphasizing the plate varieties and main types of overprint, and then follows a remarkably complete exposition of the district names and their numerous varieties. The early issues are particularly noteworthy, including some large blocks of unused and most of the rare names used. The collection is a thoroughly complete one and embraces all issues. It abounds in errors and uncatalogued varieties and practically all the known rarities are represented. Among the more noteworthy items are two copies of the 1 real of 1856 showing part impression of the 4rls on face, blocks of nine of the 4r and 8r and almost complete sheets of the 1/2r and 2r. The 1861 issue is also very complete and there is a wonderful display of the Eagle type including nine copies of the rare 3 centavos and numerous examples of the scarcer sub-consignment numbers. The lithographed stamps of 1866 are shown in large blocks and the rare varieties of 1867 are fully shown. The 1868 to 1873 issues are extensively specialized, a number of complete sheets and panes being shown. In the later issues all the rarities are represented, including the 5 and 10 pesos of 1884-92, the rare perforation varieties of 1895-98, etc. The official stamps are shown on an equally complete scale as also are the Porte de Mar stamps. The Guadalupe stamps are also highly specialized and in Campeche the 25c and 50c denominations are displayed.

Mr. Pack shows his Argentine Republic in this section and Mr. Duveen a very high specialized collection of Japan.

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The Metropolitan has never had stamps among its exhibits, and it was with this in mind that Mr. Bernheimer who was a member of the museum, arranged for the gift. The British Museum has what is probably the most extensive philatelic collection in the world, known as the King's collection, and each year it draws many visitors.

Mr. Bernheimer hoped to make his collection mean to the Metropolitan what the King's does to the British. As it stands now the Bernheimer stamps include more than 50,000 varieties. Every one issued so far in the twentieth century has a place. About 700 stamps of the nineteenth century are missing. The testator hoped that eventually the museum would be able, by gift or purchase, to round out the collection.

George Bernheimer, son of the late brewer has written to Robert W. DeForest, President of the Metropolitan, informing him of the legacy and the conditions. They are that the exhibit be known as the Max E. Bernheimer collection, and that the contents of the forty-nine volumes be exhibited in glass cases, of which 600 will be necessary for the proper display. A fund is provided for the maintenance of the exhibit.

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We Win a Medal—The WEEKLY is highly gratified to receive a prize of a bronze medal for its exhibit of a "bound volume and numbers of current volume unbound" at the recent International Philatelic Exhibition, New York. In Section II, Philatelic Journals, of Class M, Philatelic Publications, etc., the competition was keen, the best of the American weeklies and monthlies having been entered in the competition, while the splendid foreign philatelic monthlies were liberally represented. It could not have been an easy task for the judges to adjudicate the claims of a weekly publication as against those of a monthly, as theoretically, and in some cases actually, the monthly is the medium for recording the more substantial annals of philately while the weekly as a newspaper does not attempt to attain the sobriety of contents of the magazine. That the judges were so discerning as to weigh those intangible considerations that should be given recognition in contests of the kind and that they measured motives as well as means is fortunate, as otherwise what might be called the practicability of the newspaper would have been wholly eclipsed by the more elegant results of the monthly. The judges have given all evidence of their insight and impartiality in including a weekly as one of the two prize-winners, even though it was our own paper that was awarded the second prize. It is needless to say that the medal will be cherished by the WEEKLY and proudly retained as a memento of America's greatest philatelic triumph.

Theft Reported—That there should have been a theft of United States rarities at the close of the New York exhibition is a coincidence as well as a crime as we remember how in 1893, at the stamp exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair, a brick was thrown through one of the cases and some of the U. S. stamps, including a proof of

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the twenty-dollar State, were stolen; but the loss comparatively was small. At Buffalo, during the Pan-American fair in 1902, the government exhibit was despoiled of some of its U. S. stamps by a thief who was captured, we believe, with the booty in his possession. The great value in a small compass that is represented by some stamps makes them a shining mark for the thief; and if by any chance he has a predilection for stamps, the impulse to seize them at any hazard becomes almost an obsession.

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Joke Cancellation—From Mr. E. A. Steiner, Seattle, Washington, we have received the following: "Will you please explain what the enclosed cancellation on the one-cent Pacific-Panama signifies? It looks like a hand-made ink stain in shape of a skin like a mink. I have never noticed anything like this before. Is this an official cancellation stamp or an employee's joke?" We had to look twice at Mr. Steiner to see if he was really in earnest,—the hand-made cancellation is suspiciously like a cat in characteristic attitude as viewed from the back. The impression seems to have been made in the regulation cancellation ink. Can it be that the state, Washington, that gave to philately one of its most piquant sensations, the "kicking mule" cancellation of hallowed memory is trying to titillate the senses of collectors once again? Vain delusion, for the celebrity of the "kicking mule" cancellation cannot be disturbed by the intrusion of any rank imitation and the cat cancellation that has been described may as well prowl on ere it becomes the target of assorted crockery. Of one thing, Sempronius, you may be certain and that is that the government does not loan its dignity or approval to frivolity of the kind and the rollicking de'il, the comic postal clerk responsible for the cat is flirting with retribution more or less grim and governmental.

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Bad Business—The Popular Magazine says that a gentleman residing in Guatemala City received nine letters in one day from the United States and each letter bore only a two cent stamp, with the result that there was a double deficiency in postage due to be paid by him. The senders of the letters sought business from the recipient and they came from some of the largest business houses in the United States. The point is made: "We are spending three hundred and seventy-five million dollars on a canal across the Isthmus of Panama to increase our trade, and yet our merchants do not go to the trouble of getting clerks who know that the postal rate to Latin American countries is five cents." It may be added as a sort of commentary on this revelation that the department at Washington again has issued a warning against short-paid letters to Australia, "the senders of the letters being under the impression, it is presumed, that our two-cent domestic postage rate is applicable to said letters." A single rate foreign letter pre-paid at the two cent rate being three cents short-paid is subject to a postage due charge of six cents on delivery.

Hail—We have been informed that the position of Philatelist at Washington has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Jos. B. Leavy of New York, a gentleman who is a thorough philatelist and whose studies of Nicaraguan stamps marked him as a student of unusual attainments. Mr. Leavy, too, if memory does not play us false, was a famous specialist in the stamps of Mexico before specialists in these stamps flourished as at present. We believe that Mr. Leavy was impelled to seek the position through a love for stamp associations rather than the more or less munificent salary of twelve hundred dollars a year that is attached to the office. Probably, it was a case of congenial surroundings being more important than "salary expected." A custodian who attends more to the pride than the profit of the position is just the one to establish a mark of high ideals and quiet efficiency. In this connection, it is to be said that the first choice of the civil service commission was an estimable lady in the employ of Mr. H. F. Colman of Washington, but because of a technicality that arose she was found ineligible,—to the commission's regret, we trust.

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From an Old File—In the number of a magazine dated May, 1841, we find: "New Directory of New York.—We are gratified to learn that Mr. Tremayn, manager of the New York Penny Post, is preparing for the press a city directory, to be called the 'New York Penny Post Directory, for 1841-2.'" Publishers: Messrs. David Felt & Co.

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We Can Tell—A reader says that he has found it impossible to learn when the registration of letters was first introduced into our postal department. The third section of the act of March 3rd, 1855, provided for the registration of letters whose contents were too valuable to be entrusted to the ordinary mails; and on May 10th, 1855, the postal authorities issued a circular of "Instructions to Postmasters and Notice to the Public," embodying twelve sections, the first of which read: "Letters, alleged to be valuable, posted at one post-office in the United States and deliverable at another such office, shall from and after the first day of July, 1855, be registered at the office of mailing, on the application of the person posting the same, and the payment of a registration fee of five cents." The rates for registration have been changed at different times in the past and it is to be noticed that the present rate is just twice the rate in 1855.

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NEW SWEDISH DISCOVERIES.

By L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT, F. R. P. S.

In the October issue of *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift*, Mr. Harry Wennberg, the well known Stockholm dealer, announces the discovery of two new Swedish varieties which it will be worth the while to look for. It is well known that the official stamp of the 1889 overprint issue, 10 on 12 öre, blue exists with perforation 14. Now the 1889 official 10 öre on 24 öre, orange, has also been found with the 14 perforation. As the discovery caused an immediate investigation by collectors of the Swedish issue it can be stated that this variety has only been found in unused condition and will undoubtedly prove one of the rarest of Sweden's stamps. One copy exists in Paris, an unsevered pair is owned by Mr. George Levin, a member of the Swedish Philatelic Society, and another single copy is owned by a prominent Swedish collector. I would advise all holders of Swedish officials, 10 on 24 (Scott's No. 224) to scan the perforations.

The other discovery is of a more sensational nature and the stamp concerned will undoubtedly prove of great rarity in unused condition. While Mr. Wennberg's son was assisting his father with the arrangement of the Swedish stock, he found a stamp which appeared to be a double impression in two different colors. He submitted the stamp to his father who now is able to announce the new variety as 1876-77, *Double impression, 20 öre bright red on 20 öre dull orange*.

In 1875 the 20 öre stamp was erroneously issued in a dull orange or pale yellow color. As this color caused confusion with the contemporary 24 öre value which was printed in light orange or lemon yellow, the orange 20 öre was withdrawn in October 1876. As a very large number had been printed, it now appears, that the stamp printers, instead of destroying the remainders of the withdrawn stamps thought that the pale color would permit of the sheets being printed over again in another color and consequently they were run through the press again and printed in a bright red. It is clearly established that such a second printing took place although, generally speaking, the printing was done so carefully that the second printing nearly exactly registers with the first. Copies showing a shifted "second print" are comparatively scarce. It is possible that the sheets were submitted to some bleaching process before they were printed over. Mr. Wennberg looked through 30 thousand 20 öre stamps and a friend of his looked over 25,000, and the earliest cancellation found was November, 1876. From this fact it can be taken for granted that the stamp was issued in November, 1876. This coincides with the Royal Postal Directorates' circular announcing the withdrawal of the pale yellow 20 öre stamps. This circular was sent out in October, 1876.

Copies of this extremely interesting stamp on which the first printing is only faintly visible are quite common, but copies with a plain "first print" are rather scarce. Only one unused specimen has been found. Mr. Wennberg sent some of the stamps to the well known specialist, Baron E. Leijonhufvud, and received the following reply:

"I have examined the stamps very closely and believe, as you do, that they originate from an overprinting of the faulty stamps of 1875. I suppose the object was economy in regard to paper and perforating, especially as the edition was large, in fact larger than any other printing of the 20 öre value from 1872 to 1877. As the stamps were recalled

through circular of October, 1876, and you have found the earliest cancellation on the 'double prints' to be November of the same year, it seems that the withdrawn stamps were overprinted immediately. It may be possible that some correspondence in regard to this transaction may be found in the archives of the Post department or that someone connected with this printing may still be alive."

Here is a stamp which in its origin is practically unique, and it is a surprising fact, that it has not been discovered before this. I would advise American collectors of the stamps of Sweden to look over their accumulations of the 20 öre value of 1876-77.

ADRIANOPLE COMMEMORATIVES.

We are indebted to Whitfield King & Co. for a specimen of a set of new stamps issued October 23 by the Turkish Postoffice to commemorate the retaking of Adrianople.



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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Due to the enterprise of H. F. Kohr the Kansas City *Star* of November 2 contained a copy of the full page Worthington plate as given in the WEEKLY of October 18. It is accompanied by a good stamp story and when the A. P. S. wants a publicity agent we should recommend Mr. Kohr for the position.

—We regret to announce the death of Napoleon Hausselman, who for a long time has been dealing in stamps and coins under the name of the I. X. L. Stamp & Coin Co. Mr. Hausselman died October 17 after a short illness of four days. The business of the company will be continued by his brother, Joseph Hausselman, and a son, under the old firm name.

—Secretary John A. Klemann advises us of two corrections in the list of awards in connection with the N. Y. Exhibition. C. H. Eagle received a gold medal for 9 and 10 together, while A. D. Ballard received a silver gilt medal in Class B, section 9.

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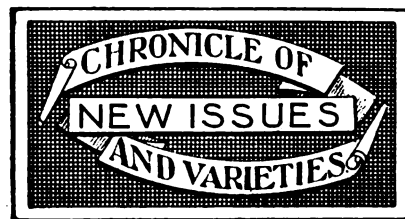
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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldridge lists the following new precancels:

Paterson, N. J.—two lines (PATERSON—N. J.) horizontal inscription in thin skeleton letters between fine lines 8 mm. apart, lines and letters 1/4 mm. in thickness.

Augusta, Maine.—two lines, (AUGUSTA—MAINE) horizontal inscription in thin capitals with serifs, 2 1/2 mm. high, between lines, 13 1/2 mm. apart, and 1 mm. thick. 1c 1912, inverted.

Cleveland, Ohio.—(No. 1155) 1c 1912-13, triple strike.

BOSNIA.—Several of our foreign contemporaries report the issue of a new series of newspaper stamps for this Province. The shape is the same as the low values of the current postage set. The centre shows a bust portrait of a Bosnian girl in costume. The figures of value are printed in the lower corners and there are no other inscriptions, the frame being filled with floral ornaments.

Newspaper Stamps.

- 2h ultramarine.
- 6h violet.
- 10h rose.
- 20h green.

CUBA.—A new series of stamps is shortly to be issued showing a map of the Island. The engraving is the work of the Security Bank Note Co., Philadelphia, and the printing is being done under the supervision of George P. Foster, an expert printer from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington.

DAHOMY.—A new set of stamps has also been issued for this Colony, the central picture showing a native climbing a coconut tree. The figures of value (without "c") are in the ovals at the sides, the stamps being upright oblong, like the French Guinea set recently chronicled. The inscriptions are the same as for Ivory Coast, with the name of the Colony changed.

Adhesives.

- 1c violet and black.
- 2c brown and rose.
- 4c black and brown.
- 5c yellow green and green.
- 10c vermilion and rose.
- 20c gray and brown.

- 25c ultramarine and blue.
- 30c brown violet and green.
- 35c brown and black.
- 40c black and orange.
- 45c gray and ultramarine.
- 50c brown red and brown.
- 75c blue and violet.
- 1f green and black.
- 2f orange and brown.
- 5f violet and blue.

GREECE.—Lemaire's Journal reports of the appearance of the lithographed postage due stamps, the 1l and 2l being in modified colors.

Postage Due Adhesives.

- 1 lepton light green.
- 2 lepta carmine.
- 3 lepta brown red.
- 5 lepta green.
- 10 lepta red.
- 20 lepta gray violet.

IVORY COAST.—A new series of stamps has been issued for this Colony. Like the stamps recently chronicled for French Guinea and Mauritania, and in this number for Dahomey, only one design is shown, a native boat on an African river. The design is horizontal oblong, with "Afrique Occidentale Française" at the top and "Cot D'Ivoire" at the bottom. The figures of value are in colorless circles in the lower corners, surmounted by heathen idols. The central picture is artistic and pleasing. The stamps are perforated 14x13 1/2.

Adhesives.

- 1c brown violet and violet.
- 2c brown and black.
- 4c violet and brown violet.
- 5c yellow green and green.
- 10c vermilion and rose.
- 20c black and gray.
- 25c ultramarine and blue.
- 30c brown and bistre.
- 35c violet and vermilion.
- 40c gray and green.
- 45c vermilion and brown.
- 50c black and violet.
- 75c brown and rose.
- 1f orange and black.
- 2f brown and blue.
- 5f blue and brown.

MEXICO.—Sonora.—Howard R. Howard sends us further specimens of the Sonora provisionals recently chronicled. The 5c has already been noted with black roulette. Mr. Howard now sends us 1c, 2c and 3c with black roulette. The setting is the same as for the earlier printings, except that the 1c has a shorter, wider figure. On the 3c the red ink has taken a dark shade—lake, in fact. Mr. Howard's letter came through from Sonora with only a 5c provisional affixed.

All these stamps are printed in sheets of 10, five stamps at a time, the sheet being reversed to print the second five. The paper is plain white wove. The earlier printings had a straight edge at the top for all stamps of all values, but the black roulette appears on all four sides. The varieties that have come to hand thus far, not counting the wrong font "C" in "Centavos" on all issues are as follows:

Embossed "Constitutional."

- 1c tall medium thin figure of value.
- 2c heavy wide figure of value.
- 2c thin square figure of value.
- 3c heavy wide figure of value.
- 5c heavy wide figure of value.

- 5c light Gothic figure of value.
- 10c medium thin figures of value.
- Black roulette.
- 5c light Gothic figure of value.

With Circular Background in green showing balances, rayed Liberty Cap and date, "1913."

Colorless roulette.

- 1c tall, medium thin figure of value.
- 3c heavy wide figure of value.
- Black roulette.
- 1c heavy wide figure of value.
- 2c light Gothic figure of value.
- 3c heavy wide figure of value.
- 5c light Gothic figure of value.

Mr. Howard says all these stamps were issued regularly without gum, but at some offices and from mail cars on trains on the S. P. de M., gummed specimens have been sold. The latest specimens sent us by Mr. Howard indicate that gummed paper is being used in the printing.

On several values, both with and without the green vignette, a space appears after the second "DE" of "Decreto de Bde" so as to resemble an apostrophe. The first two stamps on the sheets of 5c have the month "Maro" instead of "Marzo."

NEW ZEALAND.—The Australian Stamp Journal says that the Postmaster-General stated in a recent annual report that it is proposed to issue the following denominations for new stamps bearing the portrait of King George: 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 4 1/2d, 6 1/2d, 7 1/2d, 9d and 1sh. The 1d will remain the same type as at present. It will be noted that the new denominations cut out the 5d and 8d at present in use.

PARAGUAY.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us two more values of the current small design, 1p blue and 1p 25c pale blue.

SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 2 1/2a, 3a, 8a and 12a values in the new King George set.

ST. THOMAS & PRINCE ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. report having received the new set, locally surcharged the values of which are as follows:—

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays. Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., Oct. 21, 1913.

The 300th (regular) meeting was held at the Club Room this evening with President Nevin in the chair and 57 members and friends present.

The reading of the September minutes was dispensed with. The Library Committee announced that the Scott and Yvert and Tellier catalogs for 1914 had been put on the shelves. The President asked those who intended going to New York to the Exhibition to give their names and dates of going and returning to the secretary, so that members might be able to find company on the way.

The name of Mr. Jesse W. Sargent was proposed for membership by N. Cobe.

As according to the call for the meeting it was especially designed to welcome Mr. Fred. J. Melville, President of the Junior Philatelic Society, London, and an Honorary member of our own Society. Mr. Batchelder, chairman of the Entertainment Committee called on the President for a welcome to the guest. President Nevin extended the greetings of the Society in a happy manner and introduced Mr. Melville, who gave a very enjoyable impromptu talk and exhibited two documents of great interest, which he had brought with him for the purpose. One was a receipt for the quarter's rent of the Post Office in America given by the King's representative to the one who "farmed out" that institution in the seventeenth century. The other was a letter from Sir Rowland Hill, giving over his own signature the reason for employing the Queen's portrait on the first postage stamps. Mr. Melville also exhibited a fine set of photos of Messrs. Harrison & Sons stamp printing establishment in London.

Mr. Charles S. Hill was next introduced and spoke very entertainingly. Short remarks by the two ex-Presidents present, Messrs. Wylie and Howes, were given and then Mr. Chas. H. Fowle extended "Undooley's" own welcome to the guest of the evening in characteristic style. A greeting in poetical form by Mr. A. W. Dunning was read by the secretary.

The meeting adjourned at 9.10 p. m., but was continued socially to a late hour.

C. A. Howes, Sec.

Previous to the above meeting an informal dinner was held at the City Club with Mr. Melville as the guest of those present, who numbered twenty-nine of the Society members and friends. The affair was a very pleasant one without speeches but with an opportunity to meet the guest of honor.

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 15, 1913.

The 302nd (regular) meeting will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, November 18th, at 7.30 o'clock.

The name of Mr. Jesse W. Sargent will be voted on for membership.

It is planned to have some of the stamps that were exhibited at New York by our members shown at this meeting. Oth r entertainment will doubtless be provided as well.

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Lately I've been thinking of how very sad and bad
That so very many people have the stamp collecting fad;
If one had choked this vice when it first began to start
It would have saved full many a sad and breaking heart.
It has entirely ruined my happiness, and turned my hair all white,
It worries me in the daytime and bothers me at night,
I mope around regretting all the happy bygone days
Before my wife became a victim of the stamp collecting craze.

I am an honest working feller, and I try to do what's right,
I don't drink any likker, and I don't go out at night,
All the money that I earn with these old hands of mine
I give my better half, for to her I am always kind.
I've been married many a happy year and never in my life
Have I said a word that's cross to my little wife,
But Old Nick has got his work in, in some mighty sneaking ways,
For he has made my wife a victim of the stamp collecting craze.

You see we went calling on some city folks one night,
And a little feller in the house who takes a great delight
In saving up old postage stamps, he up and tells my wife
That to make a collection is the greatest thing in life;
And he gave her some to start with, and she makes me buy a book,
To paste the doggoned things in, and since then, by hook or crook,
She has been gathering in the labels, and she don't care what she pays,
For she is mighty reckless, since she got the stamp collecting craze.

First thing I began to notice was the meals getting short,
We didn't have of things to eat the half of what we ort;
Then the babie's clothes got shabby and she didn't buy some more,
But made them wear the old ones, a thing she'd never done before,
And I found that of the money given her to wisely spend
For furren stamps a goodly portion she was always sure to send;
She would scrape, and she would pinch, and every cent that she could raise
Would go, like so much dirt, to feed the stamp collecting craze.

She has scarcely ate her meals before she is fooling with her book,
And she worries all the neighbors just to come and have a look;
Her old album is beneath her pillar when she goes to bed at night
And she is counting out her treasures in the morn before it's light;
I've got to do the house work, wash the kids and fix the lamps,
'Cause my wife haint got the time, you know, to spare from her old stamps.
I tell you my heart is breaking, and sad are all my days
Since my wife's become a victim of the stamp collecting craze.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.
Application for Membership: F. M. Robinson, Milton, Iowa, merchant, age 52; Wm. C. Polk, Revere, Mass., mechanic, age 28. References of both O. K.

Dues received since last report from 215, \$1.00; from applicants, each 70 cents, to March 31, 1915. Total \$2.40.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.
ARGUSVILLE, N. D., Oct. 31, 1913.

AN EDITOR'S SAVINGS.

An editor who started about twenty years ago with only fifty-five cents is now worth \$100,000. His accumulation of wealth is owing to his frugality, good habits, strict attention to business, and the fact that an uncle died and left him \$99,999.—Editor and Publisher.

STAMP SHOW VISITORS' CUP.

Each visitor to the recent International Philatelic Exhibition at the Engineering Societies' Building received a ticket on which he was requested to vote which exhibit he considered the most interesting. The exhibitor receiving the largest number of votes, it was announced, would be awarded a silver cup to be known as the "Visitors' Cup."

The count has been finished and the prize goes to Joseph A. Steinmetz of Philadelphia, with George H. Worthington of Cleveland second.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

36th MAIL AUCTION

BIDS CLOSE DEC. 8, 1913.

Stamps sold by the lot. Bids must be made in multiples of 5c. Stamps in average condition, unless otherwise noted. Stamps forwarded to customers with whom we have had satisfactory relations, or to those who file satisfactory references. Others must forward cash before delivery. No lots sent on approval, but stamps may be returned within three days, if not in accordance with description. No charges made for buying, but postage and registration are always extra and must be forwarded with remittance.

Lot No.	U. S. POSTAGE.	Cat.
1	1851-50, 1c Type II, used, fine....	.75
2	1851-50, 3c on cover, blue can. ....	.30
3	1857-60, 3c, Type I, fine used copy....	.30
4	1861, 12c, used, off cen. one str. edge ..	.85
5	1861, 30c orange, No. 71, used.....	1.00
6	1861, 30c, No. 71, used, one str. edge ..	1.00
7	1861 to 67, Nos. 63, 68, 73, 93 (2), used, ordinary.....	1.05
8	1862-66, 2c, No. 73, unused.....	.75
9	1862-66, 5c, No. 76, used, off cen.....	.85
10	1862-66, 24c, No. 78, used, fine.....	.75
11	1862-66, 24c, No. 78, used.....	.75
12	1862-66, No. 78a, used, off cen.....	.75
13	1867, 1c, No. 92, used.....	.85
14	1869, 1c, used, light can. small tear ..	.85
15	1869, 1c, used, heavy can. off cen.....	.85
16	1869, 2c and 12c, used.....	1.10
17	1869, 6c, used, off centre.....	.85
18	1869, 15c, No. 119, used, one str. edge.....	1.50
19	1869, 12c, used, heavy can.....	1.00
20	1869, 12c, used, off centre.....	1.00
21	1873, 12c, No. 162, used.....	.60
22	1873, 15c, used, off centre.....	1.25
23	1873, 15c, No. 163, used heavy can. poor.....	1.25
24	1888, 30c, No. 217, unused, off centre ..	1.00
25	Columbian, 3c, 4c, 15c, unused; 6c, 30c, used.....	1.38
26	Columbian, 50c, unused, creased.....	1.00
27	Pan American, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, unused.....	.83
28	1902, 13c, unused; 15c, 60c, \$1, used ..	.93
29	1902, 1c, imperf. unused, block of 24 ..	2.88
30	1902, 1c, imperf. unused, block of 4 ..	.48
31	1908-09, 2c Sherman 3 perf, 5 on covers.....	1.98
32	19 var. Postage, 4 dups, 1 unused.....	1.48
33	24 var. Postage, 1851 to 1887, used ..	2.00
34	State, 10c, used, slight tear.....	.98
35	3c Agriculture, Navy, Treasury, Post Office, last unused.....	1.67
36	13 var. Dept., Postal Sav. Spec. Delivery, 2 unused, 2 defective.....	1.34
37	10 var. Dept. Postage Due, Spec. Del., 1 unused.....	1.34
38	100 U. S. Precancels, mixed.....	..
39	1898-99, 10c on cover, mailed at Shanghai, China, with Registration stamp and monogram of Shanghai Club.....	6.50
40	Newspaper stamps, full set as sold by the Government at \$5 a set.....	..
41	Blood's Penny Post, bronze on lilac, slightly stained by gum, on cover with dated cancellation, good.....	..
42	One lb. common U. S., not soaked ..	..
43	Env. 1853-56, 3c red on buff, No. 1323, entire, used, fine.....	..
44	Envs. 1886, 4c on oriental buff, No. 1524; 4c on blue, No. 1529, both unused, entire, beauties.....	..
45	Env. 1907-10, stamp on inside, un'd ..	..
46	War Env., 3c on blue, entire.....	..

U. S. REVENUES.

47	25c Ins., double perf., top and bot.	2.00
48	50c Entry of Goods, part perf.....	1.00
49	60c Inland Ex. imperf., ord. copy....	1.14
50	1c to 5c, Civil War Revs., 21 var.....	1.51
51	10c to \$2.50, Civil War Revs., 22 var ..	1.06
52	Spanish War Revenues, 25 varieties ..	2.02
53	17 varieties U. S. Revenues.....	1.08
54	New York State Revenues, 10 var.....	..
55	Telegraph Stamps, 18 var., 3 dups.....	..
56	McGreeley's Express, 25c blue, is- sued during Klondyke gold craze, block of 4, no gum.....	..
57	Same, mint block of 6, full gum.....	..

FOREIGN.

58	Annam & Tonkin, Nos. 5 and 6, unused.....	.90
59	Argentina, 15c, No. 19, used.....	1.00
60	Argentina, Official, Nos. 265 and 286 ..	2.50
61	Barbados, 1/2d, No. 15a, used.....	..
62	Bermuda, 2d, No. 2, used, one str. edge.....	.75
63	Bermuda, Nos. 15 and 18, used.....	.80
64	Br. Guiana, 24c, No. 68, used.....	1.25
65	Br. Guiana, No. 146A, unused; 135 and 148, used.....	1.25
66	Canada, 2c King Edward, imperf. block of 4 on cover.....	1.40
67	Canada, Nos. 45, 90, 92, 93, unused ..	..
68	Cape Good Hope, 4d, No. 4 used, defective.....	.75
69	Cape Good Hope, 1sh, No. 19, used ..	1.50
70	Ceylon, 2d, No. 4, used, nice copy....	1.00
71	Chile, No. 10, used, good.....	.50
72	Chile, 50c, No. 32, unused.....	2.00
73	Colombia, 20c, No. 82, used.....	..

74	Colombia, Nos. 54a, 57, 75, 111, used good.....	.97
75	Colombia, 10c, Nos. 74a, 81, 94, used ..	.80
76	Colombia, Antioquia, 2 1/2c, No. 87, unused.....	.50
77	Colombia, Bolivar, Nos. 19, 31, 32, off centre.....	.45
78	Colombia, Cauca, 5c, No. 6, unused ..	2.50
79	Colombia, Cauca, 10c, No. 7, unused ..	2.50
80	Ecuador, Nos. 29, 34, 640, used.....	1.10
81	Finland, Nos. 9, 10, 23, used, fair....	.75
82	Germany, Thurn & Taxis, So. Dist. Nos. 47, 53, 61 and 62, used.....	1.14
83	Germany, Thurn & Taxis, So. Dist. Nos. 42, 43, 44 and 45, used.....	.67
84	Germany, No. Postal Dist. No. 11, used.....	1.00
85	Grenada, 6d, No. 24, unused block of 4, tete beche.....	2.50
86	Hanover, No. 23, used, fine.....	1.00
87	Hawaii, 1c, No. 74, block of 10 un- used.....	.50
88	India, 1855, 3a rose, No. 17, trimmed, unused, poor.....	5.00
89	India, 8r Queen, 2r King, used, fine ..	.70
90	Martinique, Nos. 8, 21, 24, unused.....	.70
91	Martinique, No. 6; New Caledonia, No. 6a sur. inv. both unused.....	.85
92	Nevis, 4d, No. 30, used.....	.85
93	Nicaragua 1800, Official, 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, used.....	.88
94	Nova Scotia, 10c, No. 12, trimmed, small tear, poor.....	1.50
95	Peru, No. 64, unused, Nos. 146, 148, 150, 151, used.....	1.33
96	Reunion, Nos. 3, 4, 7, 9, used.....	.93
97	Sarawak, 5c, No. 12, un'd block of 4 ..	1.40
98	Sierra Leone, 1/2d bistre, No. 20, un'd ..	1.50
99	So. Aus., 2sh, No. 71, 2 copies, perf. 12x12 1/2 & 10x12 1/2, one off centre.....	1.20
100	Trinidad, 1d, No. 30, unused, off centre, defective.....	6.50
101	Turks Islands, Nos. 42, 47 & 50 un'd ..	.75
102	Venezuela, Escuelas, 1876, 1c (2) 3c (1), 1c have four lines of minute overprint, 3c two lines....	..

COMBINATION LOTS.

103	Antigua, Argentina, 19 var. used.....	1.23
104	Argentina to Zanzibar, 34 var. used and unused.....	2.82
105	Azores, Austria, Colombia, Hon- duras, 25 var. used & unused.....	1.64
106	Bahamas, Bermuda, Br. Honduras, 9 var.....	.99
107	Barbados, Bavaria, Belgium, Bo- livia, Bosnia, Brazil, 21 var.....	2.42
108	Barbados, Br. Guiana, 9 var. used & unused.....	1.03
109	Canada, 8 varieties.....	1.15
110	Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Fiji, Gam- bia, Grenada, 9 var. 3 unused.....	1.29
111	Ceylon, Cape of Good Hope, Chile, 25 var.....	1.70
112	Colombia, 23 var. used and unused ..	.89
113	Colombia, Nos. 103, 105, 106, 109, 110, 111, 132, two unused.....	.97
114	Costa Rica, 20 varieties.....	1.98
115	Cuba, Philippines, Porto Rico, 30 var.....	1.22
116	Cuba, 13 var. used and unused.....	.99
117	Curaacao, Dutch Indies, Surinam, 12 var. used and unused.....	.77
118	Denmark, Dutch Indies, Egypt, Sud- an, Finland, 15 var. used and unused.....	.90
119	Danish West Indies, 9 var. used.....	1.82
120	Ecuador, Nos. 64 to 69, 6 var. 1 used ..	.97
121	Ecuador, 12 var. used and unused.....	3.43
122	Falkland Islands, Germany & Col- onies, Gibraltar, Lagos, 13 var.....	1.30
123	France & Colonies, 15 var. used & unused.....	1.22
124	Germany, Alsace & Lor., reprints, complete, 2 damaged.....	..
125	Gibraltar Gt. Britain, Br. Levant, 16 var. used.....	1.22
126	Greece, Servia, Montenegro, Bulga- ria, 10 var. used.....	.82
127	Guatemala, 1882 to 1902, 12 var. used & unused.....	1.05
128	Guatemala, 6 provisionals, 1886 to 1898, used.....	.59
129	Hawaii, 11 var. 4 unused.....	1.47
130	Hawaii, Iceland, India, 12 var.....	1.26
131	Hayti, 30 var. used and unused.....	2.70
132	Hong Kong, 8 varieties, used.....	1.43
133	Jamaica, 8 varieties, used and un- used.....	1.89
134	Leeward Islands, Montserrat, St. Kitts, 7 var.....	1.22
135	Mexico, Peru, Turkey, 15 var. used and unused.....	1.80
136	Natal, Netherlands, Niger Coast, Orange River Colony, 15 var. used and unused.....	1.56
137	Newfoundland, 6 varieties, used.....	1.10
138	Nicaragua, 21 varieties, used and unused.....	1.30
139	Nicaragua, 25 var. unused, not picked for reprints.....	..
140	No. Borneo, Labuan, 11 var. used & unused.....	.99
141	Panama, Canal Zone, 11 varieties ..	1.76
142	Persia, 15 var. used and unused, fine lot.....	.91
143	Rhodesia, Roumania, Tasmania, Transvaal, Trinidad, West Aus- tralia, 17 var. used and unused.....	1.35
144	St. Christopher, St. Lucia, St. Vin- cent, Sierra Leone, Turk's Island, 11 var. used.....	1.66
145	Salvador, 35 var. used and unused ..	1.75
146	Salvador, 25 var. unused, not picked for reprints.....	..
147	Samoa, San Marino, Siam, So. Ni- geria, 11 var. used and unused.....	1.27
148	St. Settlements, 13 var. part 20th Century, used.....	.77
149	Uruguay, 11 varieties, used.....	1.17
150	Venezuela, 11 var., used and un'd ..	1.23
151	Lot 300 stamps, cat. 2c ea. fine sheet stock.....	6.00
152	Lot 363 stamps, cat. 3c ea., fine sheet stock.....	10.80
153	Skin Ticket, issued by Mass. Dem. during Butler's Tewksbury camp.....	..

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

Good Returns from St. Nicholas

A few weeks ago St. Nicholas started an advertising campaign in Mekeel's Weekly. One stamp dealer who wrote us for rates and thereafter ran an advertisement in our November issue, writes as follows:—

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NEW ISSUES

MINT CONDITION.

British Honduras, 1, 5, 10c.....\$0.22

25c black on green......35

\$1.00 black and scarlet.....1.40

\$2.00 green and dull violet.....2.75

Cyprus, 2pi ultramarine and maroon......08

Fiji, 1/2 and 1d, pair......06

1sh black on green......35

5sh green and scarlet on yellow.....1.65

Levant, 1pi on 2 1/2d ultra. of Gt. Britain......07

1 1/2pi on 3d violet of Great Britain......09

Jamaica, 1, 2 and 2 1/2d......17

1sh black on green......35

India, 25rs deep blue and brown orange, surcharged "Serice".....11.00

Northern Nigeria, 5d violet & olive green......14

Od violet and red violet......17

5sh green and red on yellow.....1.65

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CHAPTER XLIX.

The Series of 1894.

The contract for making the postage stamps of the United States expired on June 30, 1894. Earlier in the year bids were advertised for. The United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing entered into competition with three other concerns and under-bid them for the work. The contract for printing the stamps was made with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, to take effect July 1, 1894. The stamps of the United States have been printed by that department of the government ever since.

All of the designs, dies, transfer rolls and plates used by the American Bank Note Company were turned over to the Bureau. It was decided that there should be no change in the design of the stamps, except that a mark should be used to designate the work of the new printers. This was done by cutting triangles into the upper corners of the design. It is probable that this was done upon a second die, made by making a transfer from the master die of the American Bank Note Co., and transferring it to a new die plate into which the triangles were engraved.

There were three forms of triangles used. These Types are well known, and have been illustrated in so many catalogs, that I deem it unnecessary to describe them. Type I was used in all denominations. Type II and Type III occur only in the 2 cent stamps.

The postal department abandoned the denominations of 30 cents and 90 cents, and created four new values—50 cents, \$1, \$2 and \$5.

The first stamp to appear was the 6 cents, issued July 18, 1894.

The dates of issue of the different denominations follow:

1 cent—October 10, 1894.
2 cent—October 5, 1894. The exact date of issue of Types II and III is not absolutely known.
3 cent—September 24, 1894.
4 cent—September 18, 1894.
5 cent—September 28, 1894.
6 cent—July 18, 1894.

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8 cent—March 25, 1895.
10 cent—September 17, 1894.
15 cent—October 15, 1894.
50 cent—November 1, 1894.
\$1—November 15, 1894.
\$2—December 10, 1894.
\$5—December 10, 1894.

Various shades and a considerable number of plates are found in this issue. I will give a brief description of each, with classification of shades as made by John N. Luff.

1 cent—printed from 20 plates, the lowest number being 2 and the highest number 122, (not inclusive nor consecutive). Shades—pale ultramarine, ultramarine, deep ultramarine, gray blue, pale dull blue, dull blue, deep dull blue, dark blue.

2 cents, Type I—printed from 32 plates, lowest No. 1, highest No. 144. Shades—pale pink, pink, aniline rose, rose, deep rose, carmine rose, dull lilac rose, lilac rose, salmon red, red, scarlet, brown red, rose carmine, carmine, violet carmine, carmine lake, lake, carmine.

2 cent, Type II—printed from 4 plates, lowest 126; highest 133. Shades—rose red, rose, aniline rose, rose vermilion.

2 cents, Type III—printed from 16 plates, lowest number 16; highest number 158. Shades—rose, rose vermilion.

Varieties are combination of Types II and III, adjoining, from plate No. 170. Imperforate vertically, imperforate horizontally. A variety is found without horizontal lines running through the right triangle.

3 cent—printed from 8 plates, lowest number 44, highest 107. Shades—dull purple, purple, deep purple.

Varieties—imperforate; broken "E" in last letter of value "Three."

4 cent—printed from 8 plates, lowest number 45, highest number 106. Shades—dark yellow brown, orange brown, gray brown, black brown.

Variety—imperforate.

5 cent—printed from 12 plates, lowest number 49, highest number 164. Shades—yellow brown, orange brown, dark orange brown, red brown.

Varieties—Imperforate horizontally, imperforate. An unlisted variety has

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2c .10	1895, 15c. 2.25
2c Lincoln, Hudson-Fulton, Alaska. .15	1912, 50c Franklin at \$4.50; \$1.00. 15.00
Omaha Issue 4c at \$2.50, 5c at 4.75; 8c at \$3.75; 10c at..... 3.25	Special Delivery 1895, 10c at 40c; 1902, 10c at 35c, 1908, 10c green..... 5.00
Buffalo Issue 4c at \$2.75; 5c, 8c at \$3.75; 10c at..... 3.00	Registration 1911 10c..... .75
St. Louis, 3c, 5c, 10c..... 3.25	Parcel Post 1c at 15c, 2c at 8c, 3c at 75c, 4c at 40c, 5c at 30c, 10c at 35c, 15c, 20c at \$1.50, 25c..... 1.00
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1909, 13c green..... 6.00	
1893, 3c at \$1.75, 6c..... 3.25	

Lots of other U. S. except the commonest 1c, 2c values wanted, Postage, Depts., Parcel Post, etc. No lot too large if price is O. K., and anything we can use. Send us a list of what you have stating price for the lot.

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10c, 20c	set 35c

Turkey Andrinople—Large Handsome Set. 10 Para, 20 Para, 40 Para.....20c
Zanzibar, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 25.....set 38c

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1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4.....set 38c
6p @ 16c; 1sh @ 32c; 2sh 6p @ 80c.

Panama, Balboa, 2 1/2c green......5c

Bulgaria, War of Liberation.

7 var. Surcharges......25c

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5a on	5a, No. 80.....	Cat. 15c	Price .08
5a "	25a, 81.....	" 15c	" .08
5a "	50a, 82.....	" 15c	" .08
6a "	2 1/2a, 91.....	" 15c	" .08
6a "	20a, 83.....	" 18c	" .10
9a "	15a, 84.....	" 20c	" .15
9a "	75a, 85.....	" 20c	" .15
15a "	10a, 86.....	" 30c	" .20
15a "	100a, 87.....	" 30c	" .20
15a "	300a, 88.....	" 50c	" .30
22a "	80a, 89.....	" 75c	" .45
22a "	200a, 90.....	" 75c	" .45
Provisorio on 3a, No. 92.....		" 10c	" .06
10a on 12a, No. 105.....		" 15c	" .12

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10c yellow......04

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\$1.00 precancelled......55

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During the following year water-marked paper was used for the first time in printing stamps of the United States. These will be treated in the succeeding chapter with their numerous varieties and shades, together with a brief mention of the plate numbers.

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THE NEW YORK EXHIBITION.

By FRED J. MELVILLE.

(Continued from page 395.)

In Class B, we have grouped together a number of collections of the stamps of the United States and Possessions. Section I deals with the Government issues. The very fine collection formed by the Hon. E. R. Ackerman (exhibited but not for competition) was started more than forty years ago by Mr. Ackerman, the Senator being a very consistent collector of postage stamps since childhood.

This collection of stamps is chiefly remarkable for the fact of its having a very large quantity of interesting covers and also large blocks of stamps, Mr. Ackerman having collected blocks long before they were as fashionable as they are today. There are a large number of United States stamps used in China and other Foreign countries scattered throughout the collection, in fact, anything that is of an odd or curious nature appeals to Mr. Ackerman and is represented in this collection, which is one of the finest in the country.

The Gold Medal in this section was awarded to Mr. C. E. Chapman, whose display included 1847, 5c, mint block of eight in unusually fine condition. 1869, 15c and 24c with inverted medallions; 30c with inverted flags (these errors of 1869 were, unfortunately, stolen from the exhibition on the closing day, as already noted in these columns), 30c without grill, mint block of twenty-five with corner margins, imprints and plate numbers. The special printings of all issues are almost complete. 1901, 1c, 2c and 4c, inverted medallions, without "Specimen," State Department, No. 2 (two shades), \$5, \$10, \$20 (three shades of each), unused. Of the \$20 stamp there are a strip of five and a complete sheet, both having margins with imprints and plate numbers. The \$2 and \$5 with overprint "Specimen" are also shown.

A Silver Gilt Medal was awarded Mr. Henry E. Gibson for a most interesting collection—the noteworthy items of which were 1847, 10c, mint block of six, 1869, Inverts complete, including unused 30c; 1901, Pan-American inverts. Silver Medals were also awarded to Clarence H. Eagle and Theodore W. Barry.

Two very rich collections were shown in Section II, covering the United States Postmasters' and Carriers' stamps.

Mr. Chapman who received a Gold Medal shows a large portion of the stamps on original covers. Among the choicest things are: Baltimore, 5c black on white, on entire; two copies of 5c black on bluish, on entire, one being the earliest known date of use, Nov. 9th, 1845; envelope, 5c blue on salmon, entire. Brattleboro, 5c black on buff, on entire (No. 10 in plate) and an unused copy with margin at top (No. 2 in plate). Millbury, 5c on bluish, on large piece of cover. Providence, 5c on cover, postmarked Aug. 10, 1846. St. Louis, plate I complete, on greenish paper, also two pairs of 5c unused; plate II complete on gray-lilac paper, also strip of three 10c on cover, and a 5c and two 10c in a block; retouched 5c on greenish and on gray-lilac, both unique; 20c on greenish (only three copies known). Plate III, pelure paper, complete; New Haven, 5c red on buff, cut square, the finest copy known, and 5c blue on buff, the only copy known.

Among the Carriers' stamps are an unusually fine lot of Honour's, including dropped letter varieties; Hopedale, Mass., rectangular type black on pink and circular type black on buff (the only copy known); New York City De-

spatch, 2c red; Philadelphia, 1851, 1c black, also the rare handstamped types, C31, 1c blue on buff, and C31 and C32 stamped in black on margins of the 1c, 1851, Government issue.

Mr. Henry C. Gibson received the Silver Gilt Medal in this section for a collection which included St. Louis, plates I and II complete; New York specialized, including two strips of four, block of three and two signed "R. H. M." on cover, also a nearly complete reconstructed sheet composed of pairs.

Now, the most wonderful exhibit in the whole display, especially to a visitor from Europe, is to be found in Section III of this class from Mr. Worthington's noteworthy collection of rarities of the Confederate States, postmasters' stamps was amazing.

Among the Provisional issues are: 5c red, Athens; full set Baton Rouge stamps, including the errors; 10c pink, Beaumont on cover; 5c Danville, on cover; 5c Emory, on cover; Goliad, Texas, six varieties; 10c Greenwood, on cover; 5c Grove Hill, on cover; 5c Helena, Texas, on cover; 5c blue, Kingston; full set of Knoxville envelopes; 5c blue Livingston, Ala., on cover; Lynchburg stamps and envelopes complete; Macon, Ga., complete, including the 2c green on cover; three varieties Marion stamps; reconstructed sheet of Petersburg, Va.; reconstructed sheet of Pleasant Shade, Va., sheet of 10 stamps, five varieties, unused, consisting of a block of six, a vertical pair and two singles; Salem, Va., 5c black, on cover; Tellico Plains, Tenn., strip of three, two 5c and 10c; three varieties Uniontown stamps on covers; 5c red brown Victoria, Texas, unused, and 10c used on cover. The General issues are represented by many entire sheets and covers. Mr. Worthington received the Gold Medal in this class.

In Section V, Mr. J. M. Bartels (Gold Medal) showed his fine collection of "Philippines" as also did Major F. L. Palmer (Silver Gilt).

In Section VI, Mr. L. B. Mason's Canal Zone collection (Silver) was in competition with Mr. H. B. Newman's collection of Porto Rico (Silver Gilt).

Sections VII to X dealt principally with envelopes, cut squares and revenue stamps.

Section XI, included a fine collection by C. E. Chapman of rare United States Local stamps (Gold Medal). This collection represents the best copies from the late E. Harrison Sanford, F. W. Hunter and Charles P. Harbeck, to which have been added many fine copies and rarities. Nearly all the copies are on original covers and the collection is almost complete as to known varieties. Among its choice features are: Berford & Co.'s Express, complete on entire; City Despatch Post, 2c yellow; City Mail Co. (only two known); Gordon's City Express, red (the only known copy); Jenkin's Camden Despatch, an uncatalogued variety; Letter Express, bisected; Messenkepe's Union Square P. O., red; New York City Express Post, 2c orange (the only known copy); Penny Express, entire sheet of twelve (the only one known with gum); Wells Fargo & Co., carriers used between St. Joe, Mo., and Placerville, Cal., by the Overland Pony Express route, July to October, 1861; Wood's City Despatch (the only known copy).

Mr. John A. Klemann also shows a very fine collection of these stamps in 5 volumes, with a comparative study of the counterfeiting.

Section XII, dealt with United States

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telegraph stamps and there were three
competitors including Mr. Hiram E.
Deats, Mr. L. A. Missbach and Joseph
S. Rich. Mr. Rich got the Silver Gilt
and Mr. Deats the Silver Medal in this
section.

In Section XIII. some very effective
and beautiful collections of United
States proofs and essays were displayed,
representing a very great variety. The
Awards in this section were given to
Mr. Ed. H. Mason, Silver Gilt Medal;
Mr. Henry H. Wilson, Silver Medal;
Mr. Clarence H. Eagle, an extra Silver
Medal.

In Section XIV. the Collection of
Postage Stamps printed by the Bureau
of Engraving and Printing, the awards
were as follows: J. M. Bartels, Silver
Gilt Medal; J. P. Benkard, Silver Med-
al; A. E. Owen, Bronze Medal.



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Great Britain in Section 1, Mr. Duveen's
being easily first, containing as it does
most of the rare "abnormals"; and all
the regular issues unused.

In Section 2 were three fine collections
of Capes. Mr. Pack's "woodblocks"
were entered but not for competition.
These make a wonderful show of 300
"woodblocks," ten of them the errors of
colour. Mr. Worthington's Capes in-
clude also a very fine lot of "wood-
blocks," not so numerous as Mr. Pack's
(they number 60) but inclusive of such
highly valuable items as a block of four
of the one penny unused, a pair of the
blue 4d and 1d, and a unique block of
four of the red, three 1d, and one 4d,
this block being on the original cover.

In the same section Mr. Duveen
showed his Transvaals, a highly special-
ized collection, the blue of which it will
probably never be possible to equal. The
Transvaal collection got the gold medal
in this section, and Mr. Worthington
secured the diploma equivalent to a gold
medal. Mr. H. B. Newman showed a
pretty collection of Gambias which
secured for him a silver-gilt medal, and
Mr. E. A. Fleischer exhibited his
Sudans, including some very interesting
strips of the first issue (silver medal).

In the third section of Class C,
Colonel F. H. Hancock's Jammu and
Kashmir collection received the first
(gold medal) award, and Mr. Worthing-
ton got the diploma for his Ceylons
very rich in blocks of four, and in the
scarce surcharges.

Other successful exhibitors in this
section were Mr. J. E. Williams (Malta—
silver-gilt), Mr. F. C. Earl (India—
silver), Mr. E. A. Fleischer (India—
extra silver), and Mr. A. Hatfield, Jr.,
(India Native States—extra bronze).

In the fourth section four great col-
lections of high importance were pitted
against each other. Here Mr. Duveen
showed New South Wales with a wealth
of the much sought after "Sydney
Views" and as the *pièce de resistance*
the sheet (all but 6 stamps) of the 3d
Sydney View, an item found under ro-
mantic circumstances just a year or so
ago. Mr. Duveen also showed his
Western Australia with the fine in-

verted Swan, apparently the one which
used to be in the collection of the late
Earl of Crawford. Mr. Duveen has
Tasmanias with the hand-engraved first
issue in lavish profusion, and all the
later rarities of this colony. Here also
Mr. Pack showed his fine collection of
New Zealand which has been seen in
Europe already. With four front rank
collections such as this in one class the
judges found it necessary to add
diplomas equivalent to gold medals;
these were awarded as follows:

Mr. Duveen—Gold medal, New South
Wales.

Mr. Pack—Diploma, New Zealand.

Mr. Duveen—Diploma, Tasmania.

Mr. Duveen—Diploma, Western Aus-
tralia.

There were among the 300 exhibits a
large number which would call for
special description, but in the hustle and
bustle of the week in New York and a
few flying visits to Boston, Philadelphia
and Washington, I find my steamer is
due to sail within a few hours and my
notes on the exhibits are as yet but light-
ly touched upon in this report, which I
shall hope to have the opportunity of
continuing at some later date.

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has one of the most valuable sets of any
living collector, yesterday made known
his desire to James Rankin Young,
superintendent of the postal savings de-
pository in this city, and who until quite
recently was superintendent of the dead
letter department at Washington. The
singer lacks several of the earlier stamps
issued by this country, and which, at
the present time, are decidedly rare.

Mr. Young will communicate with the
National Postal Department in his ef-
forts to procure for Ruffo the required
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Here We Are Again—Our campaign for the cheer of philatelic "shut-ins" is now launched for the Christmas season of 1913. Evidently the success of our efforts last year has not been forgotten as several readers have asked if we intended to remember the afflicted stamp collectors at Christmas this year. In fact, Mr. Charles C. DeSelms already has sent us twenty of his packets for distribution and we could not have asked for a better beginning of the good work. Our plan of procedure is the simplest possible. First, we ask those of our readers who are in a position to do so to send us the names of "shut-ins" who find comfort in collecting stamps. We must assume that all such names are those of deserving sufferers whose means will not allow of any extensive purchases of stamps, as we cannot take steps to verify each case, although we shall use all judgment in supervising the distribution. Those readers who wish to forward odd lots of duplicates or what-you-will to the "shut-ins" are asked to give us their names only and not the stamps. Then, according to circumstances, we shall submit one or more names of "shut-ins" and the donors can send direct to the beneficiaries. This work will be under the direction of the editor, C. E. Severn, 118 N. La Salle St., Room 721, Chicago, Illinois, and to him all correspondence should be addressed. We know our readers too well to have any misgivings about the results of our "sunshine for shut-ins" measure.

Writing to Santa—The postoffice department again will play the role of special deputy to Santa Claus and deliver all letters addressed to Santa "to responsible charitable institutions or reputable individuals in the town or city of address who may desire to use them exclusively for philanthropic purposes." Again we express the pious hope that our maladroit friend, Ibrahim Ilkovitz, with the wire whiskers will not try to

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The Visitors' Cup—Knowing what he wanted as a memento of his stamp supremacy, Mr. Joseph Allison Steinmetz of Philadelphia, went after it. He wanted the visitors' cup which was awarded for what may be called the most popular exhibit at the International Philatelic Exhibition, New York, and he got it. Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer who was constant in his attendance at the exhibition says that the distinction was a merited one. Each visitor to the Exhibition had the privilege of casting one vote for the most impressive or interesting exhibit, from his or her viewpoint. Mr. Steinmetz prepared a printed catalogue or over fifty pages devoted to descriptions of his stamps and their suggestions or associations. It is impossible to do justice to the notes on the subject of the stamps, in a few sentences,—but if the catalogue were Volume One, Number 1 of a new stamp paper, it would be received with peans of joy. The stamps were selected for their quaint, striking or human interest; and they are introduced so cleverly that one marvels at Mr. Steinmetz' ingenuity and industry. We may add that too much stress cannot be placed on the importance of the correspondence between the stamp makers, Messrs. Toppan, Casilear & Company of Philadelphia and the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, copied from the original letters that are in Mr. Steinmetz' possession. Mr. Steinmetz had the material which, mixed with brains, built the proper foundation as a pedestal for the visitors' cup.

New Bids Ordered—The Postmaster General has sent out the following invitation, which is self-explanatory, for bids for postal-card paper: "Post Office Department, Washington, November 10, 1913. All bids received for material for postal-card paper in response to the advertisement of August 27, 1913, having been rejected, sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, Post Office Department, until 2 o'clock P. M., on November 26, 1913, for furnishing approximately 24,000,000 pounds of paper in rolls for printing postal cards for the Post Office Department during the term of four years, beginning January 1, 1914, and ending December 31, 1917. Blanks for proposals with specifications and instructions to bidders will be furnished upon application to the Purchasing Agent." We hasten to say that these postal cards are not those used by the public but solely by the postal division of the government. It will be noticed that the P. O. D. is a neat little enterprise.

Topsy-Turvy—In Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal* for October 31st, we find: "'Parma' thou art Translated.—The last few lines of the following little *par.* from an esteemed contemporary will amuse our friend, Dr. Diena; we feel proud:—our knowledge of Italian is negligible, but we can say that 'Note sui Francobolli del Governo Provisorio de Parma,' by that great and good Italian philatelist, Emilio Diena, is an authoritative treatise on the Parma provisionals. Three full-page illustrations of the stamps are a graphic testimonial of the thoroughness with which Dr. Diena has studied the stamps. The book of fourteen broad pages is an excellent example of typographical neatness and is published from Rome. The 'Note' was translated from the English as it appeared in Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal*, we understand." The explanation is that the work is not a translation but that naturally, it was written by Dr. Diena in his own language, Italian. Now, we remembered that the *Monthly Journal* had a Parma article by Dr. Diena in the April, 1913, number, and when we found an asterisk following "Illustrazioni," in the Diena book, leading to: "Esequite a cura della Casa Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. di Londra, per accompagnare la traduzione del presente scritto nel *Monthly Journal* (vol. XXI, Aprile 1913)," we jumped to the conclusion that the gifted Italian philatelist prepared his notes in English and then, after they had been translated into Italian, were published in booklet form. As it happened, we think that we paid a neat compliment to Dr. Diena's great versatility; but it may be advisable to make the correction in the interests of accuracy. Dr. Diena's book in Italian is the original; and the *Monthly Journal's* article in English, the translation.

TONGA WEDDING STAMP.

The first number of a new publication, *The New Zealand Stamp Journal*, reports the discovery of some copies of the penny pictorial stamp of Tonga, with a hitherto unknown variety of the overprint "T—L, 1 June, 1899," which was added to these stamps at the time of the wedding of King George of Tonga. The initials are those of the Royal bridegroom and his consort, "Taufa 'shau" and "Lavinia." The stamps with which collectors are familiar were overprinted in the office of the *Star* newspaper at Auckland, New Zealand, but it appears that before sending to Auckland efforts were made to do the work in the office of the Tongan native Government printer. The stamps now discovered are evidently the native production, and show the initials in serif letters instead of sans-serif, and the date is in a larger type, with the month in capital letters, "JUNE" instead of "June." Whether or no any of these native overprints were actually used in the post is not certain, but it is asserted that a portion of the find was originally bought at the post office at Vavau, in which case it may prove that some have been postally used.

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RAFAEL MORA.

Looking over your interesting WEEKLY for September 27, I note, with both pleasure and gladness, that the S. P. A. members have agreed to donate duplicates to "shut-ins."

Perhaps, Mr. Severn, some of your readers with lots of duplicates and big hearts may care to send me some stamps even if only a few. I am twenty-five years of age, and have been confined to my bed for the last year (nephritis). I am flat on my back, but if it were not for "old Faithful" my album, I don't know how I would kill the dreary hours. However, I manage to keep "philatelically cheerful," but as I've no earning power, it's mighty few cents I can spare for stamps.

My collection is small, about 2500, and I do hope some of your good readers will send me some of those damaged stamps they've got stuck away or duplicates they don't care for. I will be most grateful to them and to you.

Should anyone care to investigate my case, I refer them to my doctor, Dr. Fdk. S. Schluber, 1163 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

I hope that my plea will bear fruit soon, and whether or no, accept the thanks of one more or less unfortunate, but ardent philatelist.

Yours sincerely,

RAFAEL MORA.

2538 Bedford Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.

NOTE.—The foregoing letter is self-explanatory. We have a feeling that Mr. Mora's words will make an impression on some of our readers who will find themselves thinking of Rafael Mora, the cheerful philatelist, who has stayed abed for a year; and further, we think it likely that they will send him a few stamps,—for, *mirabile dictu*, we have ourselves.—C. E. S.

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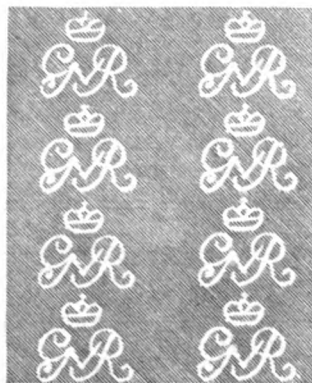
The following appeared in the N. Y. Herald of October 27. We have not been advised of any further particulars concerning this theft.

A stamp collection valued at many thousands of dollars has been stolen mysteriously from Willard Parker Butler, a lawyer at No. 49 Wall street. The stamps were awaiting exhibition in the National Exhibition of Philately, and were taken from No. 143 East Thirty-sixth street. The loss was discovered Thursday morning.

Detectives have been placed on the case and dealers throughout the country have been warned. The collection contained 5,000 pieces, and was especially rich in rare sets of Natal, Cape of Good Hope, French, German and Papal States stamps.

BRITISH CURRENT WATERMARKS.

In the case of our colonial stamps we have got quite accustomed to the divisions under "Single" and "Multiple" watermarks, but the manufacturers of the paper for the stamps of the mother country have introduced complications which necessitate the use of a third term to distinguish the varieties of the "Royal Cypher" that have already made their appearance.



Double Royal Cypher.

The first of these was described in our number for September last, as "semi-multiple," that is to say, the horizontal rows correspond with the number of stamps on the sheet, but vertically there are more watermarks than stamps, so that each stamp shows parts of two or more watermarks." This can be seen very clearly in the illustration given above and in Type 102 in the Catalogue, and to distinguish it from the next variety it might be called the Double Royal Cypher watermark, as it should apparently show two complete watermarks in each stamp. Unfortunately this watermark was referred to in our October number as "Multiple Royal Cypher" and this has created some confusion in the minds of our readers, one of whom has asked us a question which we are endeavouring to answer here.



Multiple Royal Cypher.

In the latter part of last year the ½d and 1d stamps, in the redrawn types of the 1911 designs, appeared with a true multiple watermark, as shown in the illustration given here, and in Type 103 in the Catalogue. This does not appear to have been fully described in the Monthly Journal, but it is given in Mr. Stanley Phillips' little book, from which we gather that it was first seen in stamps supplied in rolls, in October, 1912, and afterwards found in sheets, probably in December, the date assigned to these stamps in the new edition of the Catalogue. The current 1d was chronicled on this paper last month, and makes the third stamp found upon it at present. Now we learn that the new higher-value stamps, two of which are chronicled this month, are on paper with a Royal Cypher watermark that appears

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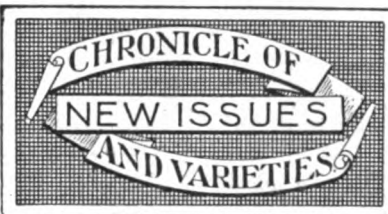
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ABYSSINIA.—*Champion's Bulletin* notes
that of the postage due stamps recently
noted with triangular overprint, the 1/2g,
1/2g and 16g have been found with in-
verted overprint.

BELGIUM.—A 10fr stamp is to be is-
sued to be used to prepay telegrams.

CHINA.—Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg
submits specimens of two of the
Chinese Republic 5c surcharged stamps.
One is the local print, Scott's No. 124,
on violet, while the other is the London
print No. 139, on a stamp showing a
decided lilac tint. As Scott lists the 5c
as having been printed on both violet
and lilac, both colors should have ap-
peared with all surcharges, and may
be reported later.

CANADA.—Frank B. Eldredge sends
us another special cancellation from the
Dominion, reading "Help the Muskoka
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CHINA.—*Champion's Bulletin* gives a
complete list of the new issue with
colors. We have already chronicled the
1c, 3c, 6c, 8c and 15c and \$1, \$2, \$5 and
\$10.

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1/2c brown.
1c orange yellow.
2c yellow green.
3c blue green.
4c carmine.
5c lilac.
6c dark olive.
7c violet.
8c orange red.
10c dark blue.
Coolie in Paddy Field.

15c brown.
16c olive.
20c dark carmine.
30c violet brown.
50c green.
Hall of Classics.
\$1 yellow brown and black.
\$2 blue and black.
\$5 red and black.
\$10 green and black.

Ewen's Weekly has the following:
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3	8c brown violet and blue.35 .20	40	6c carmine.10 .08
4	10c blue and brown.30 .18	41	12c olive gray & green.15 .12
5	13c slate and black.30 .15	42	15c ultramarine.25 .20
6	16c orange brown & ultra.75 .40	43	18c pale yel. green & car.30 .25
7	48c ochre and green.1.50 .90	44	30c purple and green.35 .30
8	96c violet and carmine.4.00 2.75	45	45c brown and carmine.50 .40
9	1892, 3c on 4c carmine & green.18 .10	46	75c yellow and purple.75 .55
10	12c on 16c orange brown and blue.65 .35	47	1r 50c black and carmine. 1.50 1.10
11	15c on 16c orange brown and blue.75 .40	48	2r 25c red violet & green. 2.00 2.00
12	45c on 48c ochre & green. 2.00 1.00	49	3c on 15c ultramarine.50 .40
13	90c on 96c violet & carm. 3.75 2.50	50	3c on 18c pale yellow green and carmine.75 .60
14	1893, 3c dark violet and orange.05 .03	51	3c on 45c brown & car.30 .25
15	12c olive gray and green.25 .15	52	MULTIPLE WATERMARKED.
16	15c olive green and violet.35 .15	53	1906, 2c red brown and green.06 .04
17	45c brown and carmine. 2.00 1.25	54	3c green.08 .05
18	1896, 18c on 45c.50 .25	55	6c carmine.08 .06
19	30c on 45c. 1.75 1.00	56	12c olive gray and green.12 .10
20	1897, 18c ultramarine.25 .15	57	15c ultramarine.20 .15
21	30c brown and carmine. 2.00 1.25	58	18c pale yel. green & car.25 .15
22	1r violet and carmine. 1.50 .85	59	30c purple and green.35 .25
23	1900, 2c orange brown & green.08 .05	60	45c brown and carmine.40 .30
24	6c carmine.12 .08	61	75c yellow and purple.65 .50
25	15c ultramarine.20 .10	62	1r 50c black and carmine. 1.00 .80
26	75c yellow and purple. 1.75 1.00	63	2r 25c red violet & green. 2.00 1.50
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28	2r 25c violet and green. 3.25 2.75	65	1912, 2c red brown and green.02 .02
29	1901, 3c on 10c blue and brown.35 .20	66	3c green.03 .02
30	3c on 16c orange bn. & blue.30 .15	67	6c carmine.05 .03
31	3c on 30c brn. & carmine.25 .15	68	12c olive gray and green.10 .08
32	6c on 8c brown violet and ultramarine.25 .15	69	15c ultramarine.12 .08
33	1902, 2c on 4c carmine & green.50 .40	70	18c pale yel. green & car.15 .12
34	30c on 75c yel. & purple.50 .35	71	30c purple and green.20 .15
35	30c on 1r violet and car.50 .40	72	45c brown and carmine.30 .25
36	45c on 1r violet and car.75 .45	73	75c yellow & purple.45 .35
37	45c on 2r 25c violet & grn. 1.50 1.25		1r 50c black and carmine.85 .70
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have been issued since the beginning of
the Revolution. Some of them were
only in use for a few days, and were en-
tirely sold out before they came to the
knowledge of collectors, of whom but
a few had the luck to buy them.

Of the 1c and 2c, brown, dues, with-
out any overprint, very few have been
issued. They were withdrawn and
overprinted vertically by the Statistical
Department with four red characters
denoting the Republic of China.

The 1/2c blue with the square type of
Waterlow overprint is the rarest of all
the recent issues, and very few are in
the market: some have already changed
hands at 25h 6d apiece, and will un-
doubtedly advance yet further in price.

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lent of "Chinese Republic," in a differ-
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centre in the form of a square, the so-
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Illustrated album, 100 vars., 250 hinges 5c. WRIGHT, 208a Tyndale, Roslindale, Mass. [tf]

THE MUTUAL STAMP EXCHANGE is run for A. P. S. members. Box 343, Fitchburg, Mass. [95]

Free a stamp cataloging 30c to applicants for my approvals at 60% discount. A 1 references required. WM. CLOUSE, 1275 Woodland Ave., Canton, Ohio. [tf]

U. S. Precancels: 100 var. 20c; 200 var. \$1.00; 300 var. \$3.50. J. D. HUBEL, 1305 Trumbull Ave., Detroit, Mich. [tf]

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1/2c, 1c and 50% approvals, late issues. E. O. ALLEN, 2005 Crocker St., Houston, Tex. [tf]

I am about to break up an 8000 variety collection of 19th Century foreign, mostly low priced, at 60% discount. Would be pleased to receive want lists. D. M. WARD, 222 Taney St., Gary, Ind. [95]

Exceptionally good! My 60% approvals. Try them. Reference please. C. KNEVITT, Larchmont, N. Y. [tf]

Precancels Wanted! Will give 10c to \$1.00 each for all I need in my collection. Will pay good prices for your duplicates and mixed lots. JNO. M. STUART, Paris, Ky. [tf]

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Good stamps at right prices on approval. Fine premium to each applicant. Reference please. A. E. WELLMAN, 145 Main St., Torrington, Conn. [tf]

Free—Enclose postage when applying for our fine approval selections at 50% to 66 2/3% discount, and we will give you 3 var. Postal Savings—you will be pleased. Have some good U. S. Revenues. State your needs. WRAY STAMP CO., P. O. Box 191 M, Grand Rapids, Mich. [tf]

10 Cent Specials:—40 U. S.; 22 U. S. Rev.; 10 U. S. Rev. (long); *3 Corea; 13 Japan; 20 Russia; 30 Sweden. Splendid value. J. M. LONG, 67 Public Sq., Watertown, N. Y. [tf]

Rt. Honduras, Nos. 62, 63, 64, 72, 73, used \$0.18
Guatemala, 1912-13, 20c, 5 on 75c, mint .07
Mozambique 1898, 100r dark blue, used .08
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1/2c & 1c Appr. Bargains. OHIO STAMP CO., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, R.F.D. No. 11. [97]

Free, Pocket magnifying glass with every 50c purchased from our approval books. Ref. FORDHAM STAMP EXCHANGE, Fordham, N. Y. City. [tf]

Nabha, King George 1/2a, 1/2a, 1a, 2as, 3as, 4as, 6as, 8as, per set of 8, \$0.84
Ditto, 12as and 1re, per set of 2, 1.70
Ditto, Service 1/2a, 1a, 2as and 8as, per set of 4, .80
Queen Victoria 12as, each 2.00
Ditto, 1re red and green, each 3.00
Ditto, 6as, each 1.00
Ditto, 3as, each .72
All mint. Blocks and pairs pro rata. Postage extra. B. L. DIAUN & SONS, Patiala, India. [95]

100 varieties foreign postage stamps, cat. over \$10, good condition, \$1.00. Nice stamps on approval 60 2/3% discount. Good duplicates wanted in exchange, especially revenues. L. V. LINDSEY, Norwich, N. Y. [95]

Approvals at 60% dis. I pay postage both ways. Ref. WM. C. HAASE, 19 Cross St., Saco, Maine. [00]

I am breaking collection formed before '85. What do you need to fill out set? Send want list and reference. DR. VEDDER, Wellsboro, Pa. [00]

Br. Honduras No. 40, 6c ult., cat. 20c, 6c. SHOLLEY, 3850 Thomas St., Minneapolis, Minn. [tf]

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Precanceled U. S. on approval. Check list listing all varieties up to 1913, 50c. ROBERT WEBER, Galeton, Pa. [tf]

*Philippines, mint local No. 2, cat. 50c .16
Br. Guiana, p. can., No. 137, cat. 25c .10
Nice pkt. with 1st app. Ref. req.
B. P. ALLEN, Great Neck Sta., N. Y. [tf]

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(g) 1/2, 1, 2, 5, and 20 cents, brown, overprinted in black, Waterloo print, at present in course of issue.

It is doubtful whether the missing denominations of the above series will be issued, seeing that at an early date an entirely new set will replace the above overprinted issues.

GREECE.—Maury's *Collectionneur* extends the list of the new lithographed postage due stamps as printed in No. 1194.

Postage Due Adhesives.

25 lepta light blue.
30 lepta dark carmine.
40 lepta dark blue.
50 lepta brown lilac.
1dr ultramarine.
2dr red orange.
3dr dark carmine.
5dr pale blue.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* says that the split provisional chronicled in 1191 was printed on stamps both with and without the "Republica" surcharge. In all 56,000 stamps were overprinted the smaller number being without "Republica."

Precancels. New York Parcel Post 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, Reg. Issue Precanc. New York, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 15c. Stamps for One Dollar. BAUMANN PHOTO STUDIO, Westfield, N. J. [00]

Hinges Free. Approvals 50% disc. Ref. NORTHERN STAMP CO., 1009 9th St., Bay City, Mich.

Free, 10 var. So. American stamps to 50% approval applicants. 300 var. foreign, 30c. WEED STAMP CO., Centerville, Mich.

Gentleman speaking English and German, possessing considerable knowledge of stamps would like position. Might entertain partnership proposition. Please give full particulars. GEO. E. MARX, Ballston Lake, N. Y.

We will give 5c cat. value in stamps from our form books for each used 5c or 10c Panama-Pacific sent us in good condition. REPUBLIC STAMP CO., Box 300, Louisville, Ky.

5 var. Ecuador, Nos. 156-160, cat. 98c. My price 25c. Fine Apps. at 75%. 1000 peelable hinges 8c. H. N. HAAS, 440 E. 3rd St., Bloomsburg, Pa.

17,000 vars. 40% to 70%. Refs. CROKER, 1045 McClure, Victoria, B. C., Can.

30 different stamps from South and Central America, Hayti, Cuba and Philippines, 45c. catalog value over \$1.00. J. V. MAYER, 486 Lincoln Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

1000 hinges, 10 var. U. S., 100 For'n and set of Japan, 15c. LANE NEWBERRY, Argyle, Ia.

Stamps cat. to 10c ea. on app. at 1c each. Ref. F. R. HOLLOWAY, 170 Park Pl., Akron, O. [tf]

Approvals 60% Discount. Reference. F. R. MEINHOFF STAMP CO., 94 North 16 St., Portland, Ore.

Philippine Revolutionary, very interesting; 4 var. Mint, cat. 76c, for 20c. N. LICHTENBERG, 1950 Anthony Ave., New York, N. Y.

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My duplicates cat. \$1.50, all diff. 25c. U. S. 50 diff. 10c. P. P. 1 to 25c, fine, 13c. WALTER MADDOCK, Wyndmere, North Dakota.

Free—40 different Japan to applicants for my 60% approvals. Enclose stamp. C. OSWALD PFORR, Baltimore, Md. [96]

Free! A stamp Cat. 50c to applicants for our fine approvals at 50% discount (Scott's 1914). MICHIGAN STAMP CO., 1330 Wealthy St., Grand Rapids, Mich. [tf]

Breaking up fine U. S. Collection, nearly complete. Send want list at once. H. T. WILLCOX, Jewett City, Conn. [tf]

Salvador 1911, surcharged "Official", 8 varieties, catalog 89c, for 35c, post free. South and Central Americans on approval, 50 to 75% discount. R. J. WAGNER, 430 No. Main St., Fostoria, Ohio.

Special Christmas offer for the boys. 100 varieties of good stamps, package of hinges and dandy set of Austria or Bosnia pictures for a dime. C. H. THATCHER, Pierre, South Dakota.

Dig up your catalogue and beat this packet if you can. 100 all different U. S. Postage stamps (no rev., no cut sq.), \$1.00. Box 105, Latrobe, Pa.

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50 Var. Precanceled Stamps, all 1c, .10
100 Var. Precanceled Stamps, 1c to 10c, .25
100 Var. Precanceled Stamps, 1c to \$1.00, .50
100 Var. Permits, square, .10
200 Var. Permits, square, .25
300 Var. Permits, many cities, .50
600 Var. Permits, many cities, 1.00

H. S. WILLIAMS,
2170 E. 90 St., Cleveland, O.

The provisional was put into circulation August 29. The reason given for the issue was a shortage in the 1 1/2r stamp, but according to the *Journal* newspapers were still coming into Bombay franked with the regular 1 1/2r stamp, and the provisionals were not being used freely, though entire sheets were in the hands of speculators. The only varieties noted were that the fractional bar in the last two stamps in the sheet are slightly smaller, and the same bar in the 26th stamp is vertical instead of slanting.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—The New England Stamp Co. calls our attention to the fact that the 6d King Edward on multiple paper 1907-10 issue, comes in two distinct shades. The regular issue is in violet and dull violet, (Gibbons says "dull and bright purple"), while Scott does not catalogue this stamp at all. Scott catalogues the other and the rarer shade,—red violet and dull violet, which Gibbons does not mention. Comparison of the two shows very great difference in the shades of the frames. Whitfield King's Catalogue does not recognize that this stamp is printed at two impressions, giving the color as purple. Bright's Catalogue also fails to note the two printings, and gives the color as purple, like Whitfield King.

A correspondent informs N. Cobe that Northern and Southern Nigeria are to be united after Jan. 1, under the name of "Federated Nigeria."

St. HELENA.—Whitfield King & Co. report the issue of the 4d and 6d values, small size, with "Postage" on both sides of the frame.

SWITZERLAND.—A new issue of stamps is promised for January 1, 1914. The 10c and 15c values will bear the effigy of William Tell, after the celebrated monument at Atdorf. The values from 1fr to 10fr, will show places of note, including the Castle of Chillon, and Ruti, famous in the history of Switzerland.

TURKEY.—It is a pretty poor spirited Turkish town that cannot sport a special series of surcharged postage stamps. Gumuldjina is the latest to join the procession, with four values of the 1909-10 set surcharged arms and Greek characters, and new value in Greek money.

Provisional Adhesives.

10l on 20pa rose; blue surcharge.
25l on 10pa green; red surcharge.
25l on 20pa rose; blue surcharge.
25l on 1pi ultramarine; red surcharge.

THE KANGAROO FAREWELL.

And I must go—will Frazer make no sign
To save me from this chucking-out of Wynne;
Am I not lovely still? Look at my back,
My tail, my line of beauty,
Are they to be extinguished, and the joy of
nations
Eclipsed for good? O! foster father Frazer,
Who fashioned me, gave me lank grass to
eat,
And just a cunning little rabbit for a mate,
That played peep-bo with me behind the tussock
Until he was cut down in youthful flower.
O! artist Frazer, who put me in the comic
continent,
And turned my back upon the world,
And printed me on paper, O! so thin,
And gummed me with some mucilage,
Known only to himself, non-sticking stuff,
And nasty, too, at that, at which most people
used
Sulphurous language.
Pushed off the earth into the never never
With all my epithets upon my head,
"One-legged rooster," our "letter blot," and
"ragtime stamp."
None but a genius could make fowl of flesh,
My great originator did this and more,
I pray thee, Frazer, hear me in my strait,
Help thou, thy Kanga-rooster, for truly I am
one;
Just turn me angle ways, behold the farm-
yard's lord,
There is my beak, my breast, my neck, my
tail,
And only one poor leg, but still a rooster.
Truly I say, "I was so quickly done for
I wonder what I ever was begun for."
But you've not finished with your doomed one
yet.
Wynne, tie, or wrangle, at last I'll be a sticker,
I'll haunt thy Post-office, and when the clock
chimes one,
I'll crow and crow, and bound along the
corridors, and drag
Australia's outline with me—Farewell,
And may you rue the day you "downed and
out" your 'Roo.

—Melbourne Argus.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY. HANDLING A STOCK OF STAMPS.

By THORN SMITH.

A lot of time can be saved by the beginning dealer, in evolving a plan for keeping his stock in such a way that he can find what he desires on very short notice, if he has a starting point. Eventually he will work out his own salvation if at all serious and intending to engage permanently in the sale of stamps. The following plan is in actual use and is offered as one that gives good service. No doubt but that it can and will be improved.

A good stiff coin-envelope about three by five inches can be purchased for 60 cents per 1000. These open on the end and stamps will not drop out unless the envelope is overloaded. They hold 100 copies nicely and more if necessary. At the top is written the name of the country, catalogue number and price. At the bottom note the number bought and the price, using a keyed alphabet. At first while the stock is limited these filled envelopes may be kept in boxes but as they become too numerous for easy handling a partitioned case similar to that used in Post-Offices as call boxes is advisable. Such a device can easily be made by the dealer himself and at a cost of but a dollar or two for material. One or more cubbies may be used for a country and alphabetically arranged. Odds and ends, including throw-backs can be placed in colored envelopes and put in the corresponding cubby. In this way one does not accumulate a box of mixed stuff which he dreads to sort and yet contains the particular stamp he has a demand for.

If he buys and carries in quantities of 50 or less another scheme works well. Secure an ordinary invoice filing book, one of the kind in which invoices are pasted. A dollar will buy one about 8 by 12 inches. Then get 1000 small envelopes about 2½ by 3½ inches with the opening on the side. Paste these in the invoice book with the flap to the front. Eight will go nicely on a page. The rest is easy.

MOUNTING APPROVALS.

If approval books are used a good scheme to know what goes into the vacant spaces of a returned book is to use a small sheet of paper about the size of a page in the book, one for each page. On these mark the catalogue number and price of the stamp, its position being the same as on the page of the approval book. Hold the six or ten sheets together by means of a small clip and on the first sheet mark the series number of the book. On the cover of the book mark the series number and also an individual number, thus 40-6. Books returned are easily filled direct from the home made stock book and if substitutions or price changes have been made it is readily noted. The plan of using trays may be all right but frequently stamps have a desire to curl up and the envelope tends to keep them flat. Then again the stock is more compactly kept, a point of some importance when the business is conducted at home.

BOOK-KEEPING.

A card index system is probably the best at all times. A four drawer cabinet will cost from four to six dollars depending on the finish. At first one can use boxes if he desires. Three by five cards cost fifteen cents per hundred with plain ruling. Buyers should be catalogued by states, using one drawer for approval buyers and another for packet and miscellaneous sales. At the top of the card is written the name and address of the applicant together with any other information he may give. Below should appear the date of sending, the number of the book, the return and the amount remitted, thus

10/8 Book 40-6 10/24 .94
10/25 Book 41-2 11/8 1.60

In a third drawer may be kept an inventory of stock or at least of purchases showing amount and cost. In the fourth drawer matter relating to foreign purchases, dealers' exchange and the like

may be kept. When a book is returned the proper card is taken from its place and the entry made, then placed in the front of the drawer until again desired. The same plan can be followed with the other drawers and no customer or other matter will be overlooked. The names of frauds may be entered on colored cards, several names to a card and filed by States in the approval drawer.

The point the writer has tried to bring out is the folly of making a large investment in furniture and appliances by the average dealer. They add nothing to the value of the stock and the money required is better invested elsewhere.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—An attorney, Herbert Bowen, of Detroit, Mich., reports upon Frank Potter, Jr., of that city that a claim entered against this party is not collectible, and it is reported that the claim is only one of many against Potter.

—R. L. Deitrick is sending out the twentieth edition of his Standard Paper Money Catalog, listing all Confederate treasury notes issued by the Confederate Government and all state notes issued by the Confederate States during the Civil War. Price 25c.

—F. W. Reid, Sydney, N. S. W., advises us that the new King George stamps for the Australian Commonwealth have not yet been issued. Used kangaroos are in great demand, especially the 2½d and 5d. The 2d value is nearly as scarce as the 3d, 4d and 6d. The reason is given that many values of State stamps are still on sale in all the States. All the dies, plates and electros of New South Wales stamps were destroyed some two months ago, but large printings were made from the most of them shortly before their destruction.

—The New York World of Nov. 2 contained an illustrated article in connection with the "New York Stamp Week." The article is written in rather a humorous vein but serves the purpose of advertising the hobby.

—Geo. J. Carter, an old-time advertiser in the WEEKLY, is still doing business at the old stand and his occasional Messenger is an indication of the hustle that Mr. Carter is capable of producing. The Messenger is a live wire and is well worth the price—a 1c stamp.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from J. Doemich, Geo. W. Schaefer (6), G. A. Hunt, J. W. Beggs, C. V. Webb and C. P. M. Rumford.

—We have received No. 4 of Stamps issued by H. A. Thatcher, Sioux City, Iowa. It is a house organ of a bright and newsy nature and we recommend that our readers inspect the same.

—The manager of the Fulton Stamp Co. has been suddenly called to Europe and the correspondence of the firm will be somewhat delayed until after the New Year.

—We have received a copy of the "Steinmetz Miscellany", being a comprehensive review of the exhibit made by Joseph A. Steinmetz at the great Exhibition held at New York. This exhibit was entered in competition for the visitors' cup and secured the prize offered. The book before us is a very interesting review of this splendid exhibit and we would that we had room in the WEEKLY to make some extracts for publication. We may be able to do this in some future issues of the WEEKLY. We are grateful to the author for the autograph copy sent us.

THE ECONOMIST BULLETIN.

The newest of the house organs reaches us from the Economist Stamp Co. of N. Y. City and it is a very creditable production. The firm advertises the Economist Bulletin, a monthly publication taking the place of the annual price list the firm has been in the habit of publishing. This business stroke upon the part of the firm will no doubt be productive of a great deal of business, using it as the firm will in connection with their regular advertising.

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(We are advised by the "London Philatelist" that Mr. Tilleard will be succeeded by L. L. R. Hausburg as secretary of the Royal Philatelic Society. We congratulate Mr. Hausburg and his many friends here in America will join with us in our good wishes. It was the privilege of many of our American collectors to meet Mr. Hausburg at the New York Philatelic Exhibition.—Ed.)

The election of Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg to the vacancy in the position of Hon. Secretary to the Royal Philatelic Society, caused by the deeply regretted death of Mr. Tilleard, will without doubt be received with general approval. The successor to such a genial and highly respected man as the last holder of that office is naturally in a somewhat invidious position, but we are convinced, in Mr. Hausburg's capable hands, that the interests of the Society will in no wise suffer.

Mr. Hausburg has been a member of the Society for twenty-one years, and for a large portion of that period a member of the Council; he is a member of the Expert, Publication, and Programme Committees, and has in fact taken a very leading part in carrying out the work of the Society. The success of the last Exhibition held under the Royal Society's auspices was also largely due to his unwearied energy, and in every matter connected with Philately Mr. Hausburg has been "a right-hand man." Possessed of ample leisure, the new Hon. Secretary will be free to devote a large portion of his time to his new duties, and in this respect will hold a great advantage over some of his predecessors in office. Of Mr. Hausburg's abilities as a Philatelist it is needless to speak, as his collections have deservedly achieved a world-wide fame alike by their dimensions, their beauty of specimen, and their wealth of scientific research. The interesting and important work of rebuilding entire plates is one in which Mr. Hausburg has achieved great distinction, and it may be truthfully affirmed that in this particular line of philatelic study he is absolutely pre-eminent.

The new Hon. Secretary of the Society, who has been elected as one of the judges at the New York Philatelic Exhibition, will, we are confident, worthily uphold the prestige of the Society with our hospitable American cousins, and on his return will receive a warm welcome from his fellow-members, coupled with the most sincere hopes that he may be spared for many years to carry out the duties for which he is so well equipped.

MAY IRWIN POSTAGE STAMP FAN.

May Irwin, who is the foremost laugh-maker on the legitimate stage in America, in her most serious moods is also unconsciously funny. In a communication to her manager, Mr. George C. Tyler, the other day, she expressed a desire to be in New York during the week of October 27th.

Although this has somewhat disturbed her bookings, Mr. Tyler was perfectly willing to oblige this star, but he asked for an explanation. Miss Irwin's reply was brief.

"I am a postage stamp fan," was what she wrote.

It was then discovered that the biggest postage stamp exhibition ever held in this country was to take place in New York during the week of October 27.

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STAMP VALUES.

By H. L. WILEY.

In the good old days, which by the way are usually just two generations behind times, the corpulent General Freight Agent, serene and secure from troublesome rate regulation issued his classic volume on freight rates. Instead of the complicated tome of the present it consisted of a few general instructions and a vital clause in which the reader discovered the phrase,—"All the traffic will bear." That important group of five words is the basis on which all stamps are priced today. There is no stable foundation to govern the price which a collector pays for a stamp because stamps are "luxuries" and as such, they are forever fluctuating between the poles of supply and demand. A study of a few of the factors entering into the question develops one or two axiomatic laws that apply. For instance, if all varieties of stamps were so common that all one had to do to obtain any one of them was to ask the first person one met for a handful of them, it is quite evident that no value could be attached to them. Now some of these stamps which we collect are nearly that common, but because we have no smaller medium of exchange than the cent, it is found that the cheapest stamps are quoted at that figure for single specimens.

On the other extreme we approach the reasonable limit more rapidly and it is safe to assume that the maximum amount which could be obtained for a stamp, even if it were the only one of its kind in existence, is approximately ten thousand dollars. At that figure there are probably less than ten collectors in the world who would be qualified to consider the question of buying it. So it is found that the two extremes of value are the humble red cent and the majestic ten thousand dollar gold certificate.

We have established our limiting values. The next step is to consider that multitude of circumstances which tend to determine the value of any given specimen. No attempt will be made to arrange a complete list of governing factors for such a thing is impossible. A few of the most important are herewith presented.

1. The quantity issued.
2. The Year issued.
3. The age of the stamp.
4. The number of collectors in existence at the time the stamp was issued.
5. The present condition of the stamp.
6. The country which issued it.
7. The denomination.

The quantity factor is self explanatory. Of course "the fewer, the higher" is the rule. Remainders which may have been destroyed often cut down the total number of "issued" stamps and for that reason the printers' figures alone are not a very satisfactory basis of estimate in instances where more than half a million copies were printed.

The year that the stamp was issued enters into the question for many reasons. The "advertising" factor, such as a war or other reasons for concentrating interest on the country issuing the stamp must be considered.

The age of the stamp gives us less of a basic influence than one might suppose because later issues of a country are quite often more popular than the earlier issues. Such is not the general rule, however. For purpose of study we may assume that a stamp increases co-ordinately in age and value.

The number of interested collectors represents the "demand" factor. It will be readily understood that if there are collectors enough to absorb an entire issue the stamps are sure to be worth relatively more than if there are plenty to supply collectors and millions in addition for the public. Sixty years ago there were very few interested collectors and an issue of a million stamps then attracted no more interest than, let us say, an issue of a thousand million would at the present time. Since the quantity of stamps issued per capita has increased at a much greater rate than the relative number of collectors, it is evident that there are greater demands for "yesterdays" stamps than for those of today.

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The Melbourne Leader is authority for the statement that the new stamps will soon be issued. We give the following particulars as found in a recent issue:—

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The Postmaster-General added that he expected to have 1,000,000 penny stamps ready for circulation in the course of a few days.

MR. RICH RETIRES.

It will be of interest to the trade generally to know that Joseph S. Rich, for many years associated with the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., has retired from the Company owing to failing health. We find the following statement in the Circular:—

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OUR REVIEW.

We have received with the compliments of the New England Stamp Company, Boston, Volume two, November 20th, 1912 to October 20th, 1913, of the New England Stamp Monthly. The volume makes a paper bound book of 152 pages and the value of the little magazine becomes all the more apparent when the issues of the year are before one. There are not a few features of distinctive merit to be found in the paper month by month; and the publishers have good reason to be proud of their "house organ" which is so ably edited by Mr. C. A. Howes.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We have received with the compliments of the New England Stamp Co. Vol. 2 complete of the *New England Stamp Monthly*. It is a volume of 152 pages and is a notable contribution to the literature of our hobby. Its many pages are illustrated with engravings of rarities, while its various departments and special articles are well sustained.

—J. F. Beecher.—We do not know where you can procure a moderate priced book describing and illustrating U. S. stamps including revenues, match and medicine, etc.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from J. Rausch (2), Paul S. Hedrick, D. E. Lantz.

—The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland, Ohio, were favored with a visit from Wm. L. Stevenson, Flint, Mich., Thursday, Nov. 20. Mr. Stevenson exhibited his collection of U. S. postal issues 1851-7 and delivered an address upon the same.

—*Gamman's Stamp Notes* for November is No. 1 of Vol. 2. It offers a wide range of stamps and all in all is an enterprising house-organ.

—*Stigner's Stamp Era* has suspended publication and subscriptions will be filled out by the *California Stamp News*.

—Will Daniel Kaib kindly send his address to this office? Our subscribers will please bear in mind that our mailing list is not arranged alphabetically and letters cannot be forwarded without more definite address than merely the name being given.

—"The Postoffice Department has made San Francisco the distributing center for the Pacific Coast during the Christmas season, for the large number of postage stamps that will be used during the holidays. Over 5,000,000 extra stamps will be sent to the San Francisco office and from there, will be distributed upon request to any Pacific Coast post-office."—EDGAR L. BISSINGER.

—Chas. R. Morris, 4914 Ashby St., Washington, D. C., has quite an accumulation of stamp publications, mostly old numbers of MEKEEL'S which he will give to any individual or society that will pay charges on them.

THE MATTER OF REFERENCE.

Subscribers occasionally use the name of this publication in soliciting approval selections and an incident of this nature has happened during the past week. We desire to say that no collector is authorized to do this, and dealers should not accept a reference of this kind.

PRECANCELS FOR HOLIDAY MAIL.

The Third Assistant Postmaster General has issued the following order in regard to the use of precancelled stamps in connection with Christmas mail:—

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THE NEW BRITISH GUIANA.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

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It will be of interest to note that Messrs. Batchelder and Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. have retired from participation in the affairs of the American Collectors' Co. and the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Mr. Carpenter has disposed of his financial interest in not only these two companies, but the New England Stamp Co. as well, although he will retain his position as treasurer of the last named company. Mr. Batchelder will devote his entire energies to the affairs of the New England Stamp Co.

Mr. Russell, who has taken the place of Mr. Rich as treasurer, has been with the Scott Co. for twenty-six years as office manager and is well-known to collectors who have had occasion to visit the Scott Company's store. Mr. Clark, who is added to the directorate, came to New York from Chicago about two years ago to take charge of the approval and auction departments.

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143	1/2 on 2p bistre, new25
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EDITORIAL.

For "Shut-ins"—The indications are that the "shut-ins" will not be forgotten during the busy preparations for a joyous Christmas season by our more fortunate readers. The custom of remembering the "shut-in" who collects stamps and whose circumstances will not allow a reasonable indulgence in philately is one that has been established by the WEEKLY. Last year, both "givers and getters" seemed so happy in performing their parts that the Christmas of all of us was the merrier because of the "shut-in" movement.

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That's the Way—Our newspaperman friend, Mr. William E. Marsh, contributes "Stamped Envelopes and Postage Stamps," to the October number of the *Linotype Bulletin*. Mr. Marsh takes occasion, as a publicity expert should when he corrects a philatelic misstatement in the press, to adorn the skeleton of fact with a few philatelic flourishes. Notice how cleverly Mr. Marsh sets forth: "The article in the July issue of *The Linotype Bulletin* regarding the old firm of Nesbitt & Co., of New York was slightly erroneous in one particular. The statement was made that the Nesbitt firm printed all the stamped envelopes used in the United States, up to the time of the establishment of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington." Etc., etc.

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Catalogue Talk—We have received so many comments on the new edition of the standard catalogue that it is not feasible to publish them all. In fact, there is no necessity to do so, as we are assured by the publishers that they will give due attentions to criticisms of their catalogue when they are sent direct to them. Mr. T. Hurd Kooker, Jacksonville, Florida, touches upon a point that has been discussed pertinently: "The changing of the number of a stamp is something that I should like to see taken up by some of our live societies

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and condemned. When a stamp has been given a number, why not allow that number to be permanent, the only exception being occasionally in handling the postage due stamps." We believe that the publishers recognize more than ever before the necessity for unchanged numbers, year after year. An improvement in this regard may be expected in future numbers of the catalogue.

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No Cause for Excitement—The Philadelphia *Record* said recently: "The United States Postal Department has been appealed to by Titta Ruffo, the celebrated baritone of the Philadelphia-Chicago Grand Opera Company, in his endeavors to complete a collection of stamps of this country. Ruffo, who has one of the most valuable sets of any living collector, yesterday made known his desire to James Rankin Young, superintendent of the postal savings depositary in this city, and who until quite recently was superintendent of the dead letter department at Washington. The singer lacks several of the earlier stamps issued by this country and which at the present time are decidedly rare. Mr. Young will today communicate with the National Postal Department in his efforts to procure for Ruffo the required stamps. It is Ruffo's hope to get them before he leaves the city at the end of the week next, as he will not return here until next winter. Ruffo's collection is celebrated in Europe and South America, of which continents he possesses at least one of each variety of stamps issued by the various countries within the past century." We shall not assume sophisticatedly that the graceless press agent is responsible for the foregoing paragraphs but we shall grant that they are founded on fact, at least. We believe that we have heard before of Ruffo's collection of stamps; and we wish him much joy of it, even though it "lacks several of the earlier stamps issued by this country, and which, at the present time, are decidedly rare."

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Guess What Happens—The newspaper story just copied fascinates us and we are loth to dismiss it from mind. We do not know what success Mr. James Rankin Young will have as a result of his communicating with the National Postal Department nor can we in our omniscience tell just how Washington will regard the activities of the friendly and solicitous, not to say, precipitous ex-superintendent of the dead letter department. We can say, however, alas, for the vanity of human wishes. Ruffo hopes "to get them (the stamps) before he leaves the city at the end of next week" but he is doomed to the familiar dire disappointment. The Department has not got the stamps to give. We trust that Ruffo in the poignancy of his grief will not forget Rankin, the brave volunteer, whose sortie was a sturdy but not successful one.

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Even So—There were times in the past when we would read in the newspapers that such and such a prince or potentate was given a complete set of

our stamps by our gracious government for his stamp collection. Sometimes, it was a lesser dignitary whom our Washington was anxious to please by a stamp shower and even the "son of a popular Western senator" has been known to be the beneficiary of the stern powers of the post in years that have been left behind. Usually these stories hinged upon the department stamps, which were not supposed to reach the hands of the public in unused condition and which, in consequence, were in great demand,—but enough of those days when the Brattleboro represented the apex of affluence and when there was no government stamp collection.

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Plain Envelopes—Mr. G. A. Hunt has sent in an envelope whose face bears in black, a cut of the arms of the State of Massachusetts. "I understand," says Mr. Hunt, "that these envelopes were used to enclose ballots in a state election held in the early fifties. I understand that they were the first envelopes manufactured." Mr. Hunt must mean that these envelopes were the first made in his state, as we know that the Mulready envelopes issued May 6th, 1840, were to have been obtained "cut and folded from stationers and others licensed to deal in stamps, at a small advance over cost." All collectors of stamps on original covers gain some knowledge of early envelopes and we could consider the subject at some length if need be. Our earliest envelope, which bears the one penny black Great Britain bears the London postmark, January 8th, 1841, is wax sealed and by-the-way, is addressed to Col. Aspinwall, 1, Bishops Gate, Church Yard, London. Our first gummed flap envelope, embossed in colorless letters on the point of flap, "Ehrman's Adhesive Despatch Envelope" in a pearled circle is dated in 1851 and a "Cushman and Bailey's Adhesive Envelope" was used in February, 1852. In the Annual of Scientific Discovery, published in March, 1850, there are two descriptions of improved machinery for the manufacture of envelopes. One, operating in Philadelphia, was called "an ingenious machine for the manufacture of envelopes an article, which, within the past few years, since the alterations in our postal laws, has come into great demand." This machine which gummed the envelopes, was described as a marvel of ingenuity. At the time, it was said that one million of envelopes were manufactured daily in Great Britain. By the time the government stamped envelopes were issued in 1853, the use of envelopes for the purpose of correspondence was common enough.

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Reefing His Sails—Elsewhere, we give the departmental order from Washington, authorizing the general use of precanceled stamps during the holidays. It will be seen that the precaution is taken that the stamps are "not to be delivered to the persons presenting the parcels for mailing, but to be affixed to the parcels by the postmaster or the employee of the post office after the proper postage has been paid."

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1908, 3c at 22c; 4c at 28c; 5c at 30c..... " "
8c at 45c; 10c at 55c; 15c at 85c..... " "
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CHAPTER L.

Issue of 1895.

Shortly after the appearance of the postage stamps of issue of 1894 counterfeits imitated the 2 cent stamps. This is given as a reason for inflicting upon philatelists a series of watermarked stamps, and promoting a ready market for benzine cups and profanity. The earliest watermarks were indistinct, and those collectors who are sticklers for legibility may discard many specimens of each denomination before feeling certain that they possess true watermarked copies.

The watermark was known as "double line," the marks forming outlines of Roman capital letters 16 mm. in height. The characters were not made to fall exactly in the center of the stamps, as there were 90 letters impressed into a pane of 100 stamps. In printing, too, no care was taken to prevent the watermarks falling in various positions within the completed stamps, so we find a bewildering series of watermarks for the study of the specialist, in that they can be located normal, reversed, bottom up and reversed, sideways with top of letter pointing to right and to left, etc.

The thirteen denominations all appeared during the year watermarked, the 1 cent being the first to go to the public. The dates of issue follow:

1 cent, April 29	8 cent, July 22
2 cent, May 2	10 cent, June 7
3 cent, Oct. 31	15 cent, Sept. 10
4 cent, June 5	50 cent, Nov. 9
5 cent, June 11	\$1, Aug. 12
6 cent, Aug. 31	\$2, Aug. 13

\$5, Aug. 16

The 1 cent stamp was printed from plates containing 400 stamps. There were 77 plates used, the lowest number being No. 24, and the highest number No. 496. The shades, as classified by Mr. Luff, are: pale ultramarine, ultramarine, pale blue, dark blue, navy blue, deep dull blue.

2 cent, type I, was printed from 17 plates of 400 each, the lowest number being No. 78, and the highest No. 144. Shades: rose, rose carmine, carmine, pale aniline rose.

2 cent, type II, was printed from six plates, lowest number, No. 126; highest No. 170. Shades: bright aniline rose, rose, rose carmine, pale aniline rose.

2 cent, type III, was printed from 384 plates, of 400 stamps each, the lowest plate number being 141 and the highest 1080. Shades: bright aniline rose, rose,

rose carmine, carmine, lilac rose, scarlet, rose vermilion, pink, crimson, carmine lake.

3 cent, printed from 8 plates of 200 stamps, lowest plate number 91, highest 450. Shades: purple, deep purple.

4 cent, printed from 16 plates of 200 stamps, lowest 92, highest 463. Shades: dark yellow brown, gray brown, black brown.

5 cent, printed from 24 plates of 200 stamps, lowest number being 128, highest 392. Shades: orange brown, dark orange brown, deep brown.

6 cent, printed from 6 plates of 200 stamps each, lowest number being 28, highest 451. Shades: claret, deep claret, claret brown.

8 cent, printed from 7 plates of 200 stamps, lowest number being 58, highest 931. Shades: brown violet, plum.

10 cent, printed from 8 plates of 400 stamps, lowest plate number being 55, highest 306. Shades: bright blue green, blue green.

15 cent, printed from two plates of 200 stamps each, 52 and 264. Shades: indigo and dark indigo.

50 cents, printed from two plates of 200 stamps, plate numbers 75 and 286. Shades: yellow orange, orange, red orange.

\$1, printed from two plates of 200 stamps, 76 and 287. Shades: black, gray black, greenish black.

\$2, printed from two plates of 200 stamps each, plate numbers 84 and 289. Shades: sapphire blue, deep blue.

\$5, printed from two plates of 200 stamps, numbers 85 and 288. Shades: dark yellow green, dark green.

The 2 cent stamps, in type III, were printed from plates containing 360 designs and bound into booklets for pocket use. The books contained panes of 6 stamps each, interleaved with parafined paper. The plates used were numbers 988, 989 990 and 991.

Few varieties are chronicled. The entire 13 denominations come imperforate and by the writer are considered collectible, even though it has been written that they were never intended for postage. It is certain that the imperforate stamps were printed upon regular stamp paper, regularly gummed, and available for postage, even though not perforated.

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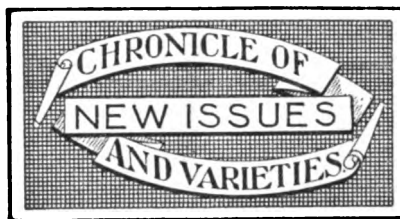
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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge lists the following new precancels:

St. Paul, Minn.—two lines (ST. PAUL—MINN) vertical inscription in heavy faced sans-serif type 2 mm. high (St. Paul) lighter type with serifs, same height (Minn) between lines 1 1/4 mm. thick, and 9 1/2 mm. apart. 1c, 1912, reading up. 1c, 1913, Parcel Post. Boston, Mass.—(No. 1164) 3c 1910, inverted.

Augusta, Me.—(No. 1194) 1c 1912. Philadelphia, Pa.—One line (Philadelphia, Pa.) horizontal inscription in fine type with serifs, between two lines 10 mm. apart and 1 1/4 mm. thick. 1c 1912-13, Parcel Post.

Boston, Mass.—(No. 1164) 6c 1910, inverted.

St. Louis, Mo.—(No. 1162) 6c 1910. Lt. H. B. Riebe sends us a copy of the 3c of 1895, which has a colored dash running from the centre of the last "E" of "Three" to the "C" of "Cents." We understand that the stamp has been submitted to Frank E. Goodwin, who thinks the dash due to a defect in the plate and not to a spot of ink.

Walter Maddock submits a minor variety of the 1c Panama Pacific stamp. The line running from the bottom of "T" of "Cent" towards the right is broken into two parts, each equal to about one-third the total length. Possibly this was caused by imperfect inking.

AUSTRALIA.—F. W. Reid sends specimens of the 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, and 1sh perforated for official use. The 2d and 1sh are perforated with large "O S" as previously noted, while the other values, including other specimens of the 2d are perforated "OS—NSW" in smaller letters in two lines. Mr. Reid says that all values of the Kangaroo officials have not yet appeared.

CHINA.—The Stamp Journal says that both series of the Commemorative stamps, with portraits of Sun Yat Sen and Yuan Shi Kai, were withdrawn

from circulation July 31, and the remainders destroyed.

GOLD COAST.—Stamp Collecting says that the whole of the remaining stock of King Edward stamps has been destroyed and that all denominations of the Georgian series are now on sale.

ITALY.—Champion's Bulletin notes the issue of three stamps, with "Servizio—Commissioni" at the top, a large figure of value in the centre, and "Centesimi" at the bottom. Maury's Collectionneur also notes these stamps, both papers being unable to state their use.

Commission Service Stamps.

30c red.
60c light brown.
90c violet.

MEXICO.—Sonora.—Apropos our imperfect list of the Sonora provisionals in No. 1194, we find the following in the last number of Scott's Circular. As all our information about these stamps has come from Mr. Howard, the list given below must be considered authoritative. Scott promises further information next month:—

There is quite a budget of Sonora items this month, the first being a letter from Second Assistant Postmaster General, who informs us under date of October 18 as follows:

"In answer to your letter of the 10th instant, which the Postmaster General has referred to me, relative to articles mailed in Mexico bearing postage stamps issued by the State of Sonora, you are informed that the instructions of this Department require that articles received from Mexico bearing postage stamps issued by other than the federal authorities of Mexico shall be treated as unpaid, and deficient postage rated and collected accordingly."

This was in reply to a letter from us enclosing a Sonora cover which came through to New York without postage due being collected as noted last month. Mr. George W. Linn informs us that he knows of other covers which have come through to the United States in the same way.

Mr. H. R. Howard has kindly furnished us with the following list of Sonora stamps:

Postage Stamps of Sonora.
May, 1913.

- No.
1 type Ab—1c black and red.
2 type Aa—2c black and red.
2a type Ab—2c black and red. (Third stamp in each row of No. 2).
3 type Aa—3c black and red.
4 type Aa—5c black and red. (First value issued.)
4a type Aa—5c black and red. ("Centavob." fifth stamp of one row.)
4A type Aa—5c black and red. (Perforated; issued July, in Cananea, at Ronquillo and branch offices La Mesa, Chivatera, Puertocito.)
4Aa type Aa—5c black and red.

5 type Ac—5c black and red. (June, 1913.)

6 type Ab—10c black and red.

6 type Ab—10c black and red.

No. June, 1913.

7 type Bc—5c black and red.

7a type Bc—5c black and red. ("Maro" on 1st and 2nd stamp, each row.)

No. July, 1913.

8 type Ab—1c black, red and yellow-green; gray-green.

9 type Aa—3c black, red and yellow-green; gray-green.

10 type Aa—5c black, red and deep green. (Issued in Hermosillo.)

10a type Aa—5c black, red and deep green. ("Centavob.")

11 type Ab—10c black, red and yellow-green; gray-green.

(Nos. 8, 9 and 11 were issued first in yellow-green, later printing in gray-green shows change in spacing of overprint, giving better centering.)

Explanation of Types.

A—Rouletted in colorless lines on three sides, straight edge at top.

B—Rouletted in black on four sides.

a—Figures of value in Heavy Face Extended numerals.

b—Figures of value in Roman numerals.

c—Figures of value in Gothic or Sans Serif numerals.

Nos. 1-6 and 8-11 on sheets 8x3 1/2 in. showing occasionally watermark "Peerless Mills."

No. 7, watermark "Yukon Aurora," showing occasionally.

Nos. 12, 13, 14 on cream tinted, unwatermarked sheets, 8 1/4 x 3 3/4 in.

No. 15, cream-tint, unwatermarked, 8 1/2 x 3 3/4 in.

Nos. 15a, 15b on white and cream-tinted, unwatermarked, 8 1/2 x 3 3/4 in.

Nos. 15c, 15d on cream-tinted, unwatermarked, 8x4 1/4.

William W. Randall writes as follows: In your list of Sonora provisionals add—with Circular green background, colorless roulette, the 10c, medium thin figures of value. The paper of the first printings, without green surcharge is watermarked "Peerless Mills."

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Charles S. Hibbard reports the current 1c stamp with "NFW" and "Jam-R-s". The stamp next to the one with "N-F-W" right hand side has this error. I have a block and in looking them over I found the two errors.

NICARAGUA.—A. W. Dunning sends us a new provisional from this country. The 15c on 35c Mountains has been used by obliterating the "Vale 15 cts" with heavy black rules and printing in "1/2ct. Cordoba" in black, just above "Correos—1913," which is in purple.

Provisional Adhesive.

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TURKEY.—Grant Squires submit samples of the Adrianople stamps reported in the news columns in No. 1194.

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URUGUAY.—Gibbons Monthly says that the 2c lithographed Artigas stamp has been issued in a new color.

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BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 18, 1913.

The 302nd (regular) meeting of the Society was held this evening at the Club Room with President Nevin in the chair and 32 members and friends present.

The Superintendent of Bourse asked for authority to purchase 5,000 new Bourse sheets. It was voted to lay the matter on the table until the next meeting.

The Library Committee presented the following:

LIBRARY REPORT FOR OCT. AND NOV.

Purchased Yvert and Tellier's catalog 1914; received by donation Vol. II of New England Stamp Monthly from the publishers, Scott Stamp and Coin Co. Standard Catalog, 1914, from New England Stamp Co., Stamps of the Levant Post Offices (Bright's Philatelic Library, Vol III) from Bright and Son, The Making of United States Stamps (Linn's Philatelic Handbook No. 1) from the publisher, Die Postwertzeichen von Aethiopien published by Paul Kohl, from the publisher, a package of miscellaneous papers from A. W. Dunning and several odd papers from C. A. HOWES. Also the current numbers of the following papers generously contributed by the publishers: Gibbons Monthly Journal, Mekeel's Weekly, Stamp Journal, Postage Stamp, Philatelic Journal of Great

Good U. S. & Foreign on app. 1/2 Scott. Ref. please. Southern Stamp Co., P.O. Box 644, Norfolk, Va. [tf]

Constantinople. There is \$100 cash value in it. Is any of it for you? See page 413.

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30 diff. So. & Central Am. 20th Century,	20
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The application of Mr. Ralph N. Hall was posted.

The resignation of Mr. J. B. B. Smith as Supt. of Sales was read.

The Secretary announced that the book on U. S. Revenues, published by the Society and entered in the New York Exhibition, had won a bronze medal and he exhibited the diploma. It was voted to have this framed and hung in the Club Room.

Mr. Jesse W. Sargent was admitted as member No. 586.

The president stated that he counted about 30 members of the Society at the New York Exhibition, and there were between 40 and 50 there—a better representation than from any other locality. There were 35 medals won by members of the Society on exhibitions of stamps.

Various members present were called on by the president to give their impressions of the Exhibition, which proved a very interesting feature of the meeting.

The exhibition for the evening was of the great rarities shown at New York by Mr. Dudley L. Pickman, which attracted as much attention there as any of the exhibits on view. The opportunity was much enjoyed and appreciated by the members present.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

BEVERLY COLLECTORS ORGANIZE.

Beverly, Mass., has organized a stamp club. It bears the rather pretentious title of the Beverly Philatelic Society, but the members deem this very appropriate for the erstwhile summer capital. John B. Goldsmith is president, Lewis E. Hood, secretary, Hezekiah Shailer, treasurer, and Edward Leland, sales superintendent. Meetings will be held every other Thursday evening in the Y. M. C. A. building.

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1857, 5c brown Type III nice	3.50	1.10
24c	4.00	1.00
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1861, 10c August type	10.00	1.50
5c buff.	7.50	1.00
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90c blue	4.00	1.25
1868, 5c pale blue, embossed	5.00	1.00
24c lilac, embossed	5.00	1.35
30c orange, embossed	4.00	1.00
90c blue, embossed	10.00	2.25
1869, 24c	5.00	1.50
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24c	.40	.40
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Chile 1862 20c	3.75	.75
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France 1853, 1fr lake	5.00	1.00
Great Britain 1883, 1 1/2 br. violet No. 110	8.50	2.70
Great Britain 1891, 1 1/2 gn. thin spot	4.00	1.70
Hanover 10 gr. green	15.00	2.10
Hawaii 5c No. 9	8.00	1.40
New Brunswick 3d No. 1	4.50	1.25
6d No. 2 looks fine	20.00	3.00
New Foundland 5c br No. 25 good	6.00	2.00
New Zealand 2sh, No. 57	3.00	.75
Nova Scotia 3d	2.00	.50
6d dark green looks fine	15.00	2.50
6d yellow green	8.00	1.35
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1851, 1c No. 31	.75	.35	Argentina *1862, 5c fine	2.00	.90
10c green, good average	1.50	.50	Argentina *1 peso o. g.	3.00	1.25
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1868, 5c grided, good not cent.	5.00	1.75	1882, 8d o. g. scarce	1.75	1.00
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90c tear at bottom, good value	15.00	4.50	1m No. 31 fine, under priced.	1.50	.85
1870, 7c nice copy centered, grided	4.00	2.00	Unpaid *3kr scarce	1.50	.90
10c faint grill as usual	10.00	3.90	Bechuanaland 4d No. 1 scarce	2.00	1.00
90c nice copy straight at r.	7.50	2.75	*6d No. 15 o. g.	2.50	1.00
1872, *6c o. g., fine	3.50	1.65	Bermuda, 3d No. 5 fine	2.50	1.10
7c	.75	.37	Brazil, *280 red	6.00	2.00
12c	.60	.30	*430 yellow, scarce	7.50	2.90
24c	1.50	.75	1878, 700r fair	2.50	1.10
1873, *2c fine rich color	1.50	.60	Br. Colombia 5c No. 2 fair	5.00	1.50
*7 o. g. not centered	6.00	1.50	5c No. 5 thin spot.	6.00	1.75
7c used	.75	.40	10c No. 6 o. g.	6.00	2.75
12c	.60	.25	*25c No. 11 o. g.	3.00	1.50
15c	1.25	.50	Br. Central Africa 1895, 1 on 2d	1.25	.85
30c	.50	.25	2 can.	2.50	1.65
1878, *10c No. 188	8.00	1.00	Br. E. Africa 1898, *2r o. g. fine.	3.00	2.10
1888, 90c average copies	2.00	1.00	1896, *5r o. g.	3.00	2.10
1890, *90c orange o. g.	2.00	1.85	Br. Guiana 1881, *1 on 12	2.50	1.00
90c used	.75	.40	1876, *6c fine	3.00	1.20
1893, *100 o. g. fine	3.00	1.90	*8c fine	4.50	1.60
200 used	3.00	1.65	Br. Honduras 3d No. 5	3.00	1.00
1893, 1 to 10c used, set	.15	.15	1sh No. 11 fine used	3.50	1.40
1898, *100 o. g. fine	2.50	1.85	*50c on 1sh No. 31 o. g. fine.	3.00	1.50
*200 o. g.	6.00	4.00	*\$1.00 o. g. fine No. 53	2.50	1.50
*1 to 10c o. g., set	1.20	.70	Bulgaria, *50c on 1fr No. 22 fine.	3.00	1.50
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Same used	.20	.20	*10c No. 38 o. g.	2.50	1.10
1904, St. Louis *1 to 10c o. g.	.83	.50	1897, *6c o. g. fine	1.00	.45
Same used	.35	.18	1897, \$1.00 o. g. fine	1.35	.50

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Agriculture	*1c o. g. fine	3.50	1.45	1 to 20c used good	..	.70
	*1c	3.50	1.20	Canal Zone on U.S. *1 to 10c o.g. set	1.50	
	*10c o. g. very nice	6.00	2.20	Cape of Good Hope, 6d No. 5 good		
	*12 o. g. very nice	8.00	2.90	used copy	5.00	2.00
Executive	*2c fine	8.00	3.50	1sh No. 6	5.00	2.00
	3c	..	..	1d No. 12 uncanceled close	7.50	1.75
	6c	..	..	4d No. 2 good	1.50	.85
	*10c o. g. perfir. touch at r.	10.00	4.50	Ceylon 5d No. 6 nice copy	4.50	2.00
	but fine	4.00	1.25	2d No. 4 fine copy	1.50	.75
Interior	*90	2.25	.80	4d No. 50	1.75	.80
	1 to 90c complete used & *	1.50	.80	10d No. 56 good	2.50	1.00
Justice	1c	3.00	1.20	2sh No. 58 nice copy	2.00	1.00
	2c fine used	..	.35	*2r 50c o. g. fine scarce	1.75	.75
	3c fine used	6.00	3.30	*2r 25c yellow, o. g. scarce	3.75	2.50
	*15c o. g. fine	6.00	2.25	Chile 20c No. 13	3.75	1.50
	15c fine used	8.50	3.00	China 1878, 1, 3, 5c	8.00	1.10
Navy	7c good used	4.00	1.80	China \$1.00 on 3c No. 49	1.50	1.00
	24c fine used	5.00	2.00	Congo Free State *1fr No.18 o.g. fine	.75	.35
	*30c o. g. very nice	4.00	.80	*5fr No. 19 o. g. fine	2.25	1.50
P. O.	*15c o. g.	1.50	.80	Corea *2w, No. 51 o. g.	4.00	2.25
	*90c o. g. fine	2.50	1.25	Costa Rica 1889, 10p blk., scarce, No.34	1.00	.78
	Set complete used	6.53	2.50	Denmark 2rs, No. 1, slight tear, fine	5.00	2.00
State	*1c o. g.	2.50	1.00	16s rouletted, scarce	5.00	2.00
	2c nice used, copy	4.00	1.50	Dan. W. Indies *3c No. 1	4.00	1.35
	10c used, good	2.00	.85	*3c No. 3 very fine used	2.50	1.25
	12c used scarce	3.75	1.75	*4c No. 4 scarce	3.25	1.75
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	1 to 90c complete used, good..	6.88	2.40	Falkland *1d No. 1	4.00	2.65
War	*1c o. g., fine hard paper	2.50	1.00	*2s 6d No. 20 o. g. fine.	3.50	1.80
	2c o. g., fine hard paper	2.50	1.00	Finland 32p No. 18 perf. 1 1/2 fine.	4.00	1.80
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Periodicals	1865, *5c	2.50	1.10	France 1fr No. 21, close at side	1.50	.75
	1875, *4c	.75	.20	G. Britain 10sh No. 109	1.50	.75
	1875, *9c o. g.	10.00	3.00	Gambia *1897, 1/2 to 1sh o. g. set.	1.50	.90
	1895, *1 to \$100 complete	3.00	1.40	Hawaii 5c No. 9	8.00	2.75
Dues.	30 & 50c brown	..	.90	15c No. 41 good	2.50	1.20
	30 & 50c claret	1.40	.70	*25c No. 47 o. g. fine	3.50	1.50
Parcel Post	Dues, 1, 2, 5, 10c fine used	..	.25	*50c No. 48 o. g. very nice	8.00	3.25
U. S. Revs.	3c Telegraph, imperf..	2.00	.80	1893, *100 o. g. fine	5.00	1.75
	50c Lease imperf., fine	1.25	.50	*12c red sur. o. g.	5.00	2.00
	50c Mortgage, fine	1.25	.50	Hayti 1881, 20c imperf. No. 6, good	3.50	1.75
	50c Probate of Will, fine	2.50	.90	Heligoland 1879, *1 mark, o. g. fine	3.00	1.50
	\$1.60 imperf., nice	10.00	3.75	Hanover 10gr green, good used	15.00	6.00
	\$5.00 Mortgage, fine	3.50	1.40	New Brunswick 3d No. 1 very nice	4.50	2.25
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	cen. l.	..	.60	6d No. 2, lightly cancelled.	2.00	1.00
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	30c Foreign Exch.	1.50	.75	New Foundland *3d o. g. No. 3	2.00	1.00
	\$1.60 fine copy (fair 90c)	2.00	1.10	3d used, rare	5.00	2.00
	\$3.50 fine	1.50	.70	*5d No. 19, o. g.	2.00	1.00
	\$2.00 Probate, fine	1.00	.50	10c black No. 26	2.00	.75
	\$10.00 Probate, fine	..	.85	5c black No. 33	3.50	1.50
	\$25.00 red, fine copies	4.00	2.25	Cabot set *1c to 90c o. g. fine..	..	2.85
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1871, 10c	Proprietary on green	2.00	.75	1898, *5d o. g. fine	4.00	2.00
1898, \$30.00	cut can.	6.00	2.40	1906, *6h "Christ church" o. g.	1.25	.50
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A COLLECTION ARRANGEMENT.

By FRANK C. CLARK, Medford, Ore.

The question of properly housing my collection bothered me for a considerable time. After going through the age when we would put a good liberal coat of mucilage on the back of the stamp and firmly sticking it to the page of the little album, I graduated to one of Scott's albums. In turn, the new issues caused me trouble as there were not enough blank pages to properly house the family.

Then began the study of the new thought. Small blank albums. It appealed to me and this is the result. First came the question of finding a low priced binder. This was found in the "Twinlock Universal Binder" at a cost of one dollar per dozen. They are of dark brown, tough paper with soft metal members that permit of the taking out of old and readily inserting new pages. My binders are in excellent condition after four years' service. These binders come in various shapes and sizes, and can be obtained from the large stationery stores.

Then I had printed a thousand sheets of bond paper, not too heavy, and a paper that would not crack nor turn yellow with age. I selected after numerous trials with the various shaped stamps, a page eight inches by eleven inches and adopted the eleven inch way for the horizontal distance. To suit this size the binder known as Number 803 is used. I had the printer print the page with a faint background consisting of lines about 3-16 inch apart, vertically and horizontally. The size of the background is about 7 3/4 inches long by 6 1/2 inches high, enclosed with a border of two heavy lines.

To readily locate the vertical center row of the page, I had the printer put in an additional vertical line in the center of the central rows of squares, while for the horizontal center line I had a slight dash placed at the border lines. The printer had holes punched in the left hand side of the page to accommodate the binder fastenings. These holes are spaced exactly as those made by the ordinary letter file.

My arrangement of stamps is to provide spaces for stamps that I think will possibly come into my possession. I

eliminate all high values and even some of as low a catalogue value as \$2.00 of some countries. If I should obtain any of these it is simply a matter of readjusting the stamps or remounting a new page. My pages have a complete look in many cases. I have not got a lot of blank spaces for high priced stamps looking at me with a sarcastic smile, as though saying, "Well, you will never fill me up."

I have grouped my collection in albums about as follows:—Germany, France, Spain, Portugal and colonies respectively. Great Britain, with Canada, New Foundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Is. and British Columbia are in one book. British Colonies in another. Australia and its British neighbors are in another. European countries in another. Brazil and Argentine in another with Mexico by itself. South American countries next and growing so fast that I will have to sub-divide. And so on. United States I keep in the same make of binders except that I bought the binder with a stiff blue cloth cover in place of the cardboard. The cloth covers are to be had with a slight additional cost.

My latest idea is to obtain copies of the leaflets published by the Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Co. descriptive of the various countries and their postal issues and place these leaflets in my albums relative to that country.

At first I kept my albums in card board boxes similar to letter files. Each album had its separate folder of tough paper, these folders such as are used for letter file correspondence. Each folder marked with the name of the country contained in the album, the name of the country being marked also on the binder.

Later I designed a cabinet for my albums, catalogues, duplicates, etc., of which I submit a drawing. The cabinet is of mahogany and is thirty inches high by about sixteen inches wide and eighteen inches deep. There is a hinged drop lid at the left side supported in turn by two hinged brackets underneath. Under the top of the cabinet is a slide board similar to desks while be-

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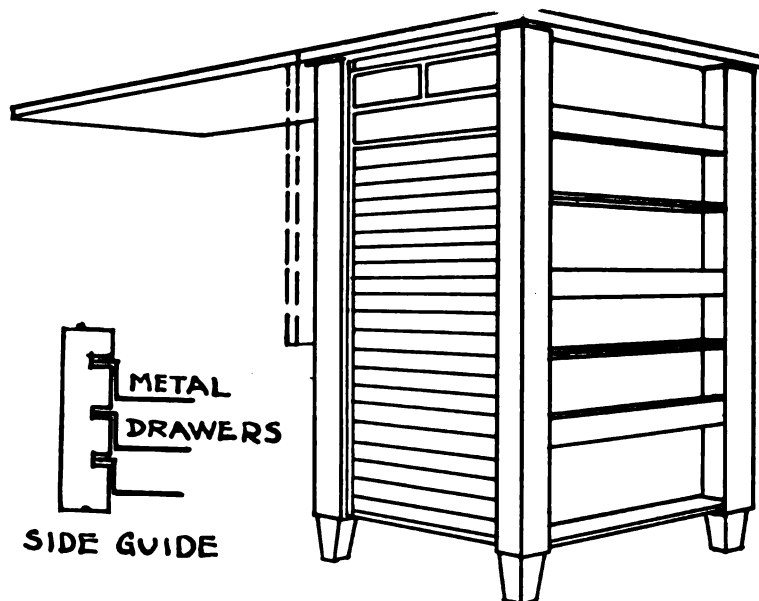
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low are two small drawers, one subdivided, in which I keep duplicates, scales, tongs, etc., and new stamps, hinges, etc., in the other.

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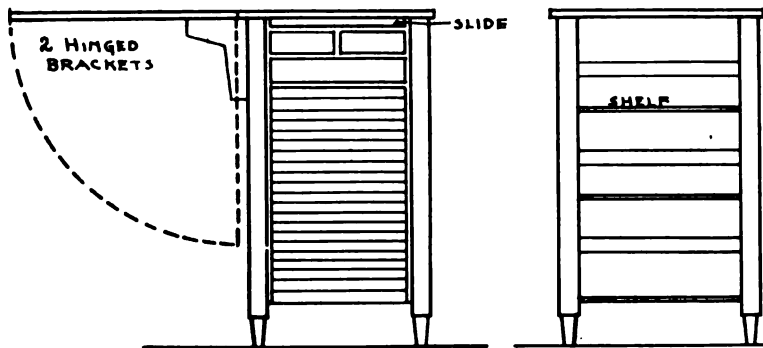
The four corners of the case are 1 1/2 inches square, while the wood sides are set back flush with the inside of the corner pieces thus providing, especially at the right hand side, space for

three narrow shelves with a light guard strip, so that I have a place to put my catalogues and the current journals. On the left side this recess forms the space for the two hinged brackets to fit into when the drop lid is lowered.

And there you are with the modern idea. I like it very much indeed.

One word before closing and that is if you ever have a cabinet made avoid cedar. Avoid cedar in all cases, as the closeness of the air within the box in combination with the cedar odor will cause the gum of the stamp to work through the paper to the face of the stamp causing it to look like a transparent picture.

I am an architect and would like to hear from any stamp friend who might be interested in a cabinet of similar lines to mine and would be glad to offer any suggestions that might be of service.



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Our sale of January 9th and 10th, from the Trustees of a Philadelphia estate, is in course of preparation. Watch this space for further details.

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A SUCCESSFUL LADIES' NIGHT.

The Suburban Stamp and Curio Club held Ladies' Night, November 22, in Warren Hall, 67 Warren St., Roxbury, their regular meeting place on the first and third Thursday of each month. There were twenty-nine members and friends present and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Five new members were admitted, making a total of thirty-three, and the club only a year old. There was an auction sale of forty miscellaneous lots such as stamps, butterflies, old books and a wide variety of other articles. Charles H. Fowle (Undoooley) read "Why I Collect Stamps." Albert H. Hall gave an illustrated talk on "Ladies on Stamps," using as a subject about twenty stamps mounted on a large card which was later, thru the generosity of Mr. Hall, auctioned off for the benefit of the treasury.

Refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served. Dr. Thompson showed collections ranging from stamps, coins and insects to flowers made from fish scales and articles run over by the street cars; William Reiff, a beautiful collection of mounted butterflies; Mrs. Geo. L. Libby, a collection of "blocks;" W. F. VanMalder, Persia and British

North America; President Henry Schumacher, Jr., postage and revenue stamps of U. S. Souvenirs of the meeting were distributed.

The club welcomes visitors at its meetings and all collectors are invited to join. The dues are but twenty-five cents per year and ten cents at each meeting. Another enjoyable time is expected at the Christmas meeting on December 18. On this occasion the Philatelic-Curio Christmas Tree will be the main feature. Donations for the tree are acceptable, proceeds will help recuperate the treasury.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—We are indebted to Henry Schumacher, president of the Suburban Stamp and Curio Club, for specimen of the souvenir presented the members and their guests on ladies' night held Nov. 20, 1913. It consists of a 1914 calendar mounted upon a card prettily decorated.

—We are indebted to Hugo Kuenstler for a batch of fourteen clippings. A number of them pertain to the New York Exhibition.

—The International Stamp Co., DeGraft, O., would like to secure the street address of the Imperial Stamp Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

—The advertisement of M. Ohlman this week is of special interest in view of the fact that the offer of free subscriptions to the WEEKLY figure in it. We hope this enterprise upon the part of Mr. Ohlman will be appreciated.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Frank C. Cartledge, Chas. J. Ludwig, Jr., Mrs. L. A. Pickett, Edward Weiss, Percy W. Fuller, Chas. S. Hibbard (2) and Hugo Kuenstler (14).

A NEW COLOR CHART.

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EDITORIAL.

A Report—From Mr. T. J. Mitchell of Philadelphia, who, by-the-way, was famous as "Wanderer" in the stamp press of twenty-five years ago, word has come: "I have heard through the Postmaster's office here that dies have been made for a seven, nine, twelve and thirty cent stamp, respectively; and that the stamps themselves are expected in a few weeks. I have not seen any stamp press notices up to this time, yet Philadelphia has ordered the stamps in its current requisition." This is interesting news and particulars are awaited.

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Good Wishes—From the November number of Scott Stamp & Coin Company Circular, we learn that after a connection with the Scott Stamp and Coin Company for nineteen years, Mr. Joseph S. Rich has disposed of his large holding of stock in one parcel, in the company. For some time, Mr. Rich's health has been declining and this condition has made it advisable for him to retire. Mr. Rich has been a bulwark of strength in the philatelic marts of trade; he came on the commercial scene when all prospects were not the rosiest but he soon controlled the situation through wise administration. We can readily believe that his associates are loth to see Mr. Rich go; and there are others. We trust that Mr. Rich will continue to find pleasure in his really fine collection of United States telegraph stamps,—to say nothing of his wonderful collection of Poland (business of chuckling).

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Fantastic—Of all the accounts of the New York Exhibition in the newspaper press, we are willing to wager that one that was published in an Italian paper is the most amazing. The tale of this foreign paper is a most egregious one and one marvels at the elasticity of the imagination of the writer, as in this connection we forbear to think that any philatelist was so graceless as to impose on the credulity of a correspondent. We give thanks to Mr. J. Saulnier, New

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So They Say—We have been informed that the thief who purloined the inverted centers of the 1869 issue, United States, at the New York Exhibition on the closing day has yielded to his better nature, let us say, and revealed his identity. After the deed was done, the culprit, a non-resident of New York it is to be said, realized the enormity of his crime and his nerve failing him, he made known his identity and promised to return the stolen stamps, which, he said, had been sent to Europe. This, in brief, is the story as related by a correspondent who was unable to learn the name of the thief, nor will we presume to predict what effect the confession will have on the punishment that may be meted out to the offender. We surmise that in the flush of joy at the recovery of the stamps, there will be every disposition towards leniency to the fallen philatelist. It is hoped that our informant has got his story straight.

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Ready Response—The stamp collecting "shut-ins" will fare well this season as already we have received pledges from more readers than we have names of "shut-ins." We wish personal service in recruiting the names for our list of the sufferers and ask that readers who know of deserving "shut-ins" send the addresses of the afflicted collectors, without delay. We believe that there are many whose physical disability gives all the keener edge to their philatelic appetite, which must remain unsatisfied to a great extent through circumstances which we do not need to detail but which will readily be understood. We want to lighten the burdens of these patient philatelists by stamp remembrances at Christmas and make this year's distribution even more successful than that of last season. We know that many of our readers are very busy but a little time spent to make those whose time drags along wearily, if not painfully, is sure to yield a peace of mind in return that is its own compensation. As it is, when we see how the unselfishness of some of our readers shines through their letters, we are constrained to take stock of our own deficiencies in this regard with the result that we are inspired to make as many "shut-ins" as possible know that someone thinks of them at Christmas.



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No Chance For Provisionals—An interesting series of instructions has been issued to the postmasters of the country, prompted by the "Christmas mailings." We shall make a summary of several of the paragraphs. Temporary supplies of stamps made necessary pending the filling of a requisition on Washington or a sudden heavy demand that threatens to exhaust the stock on hand may "be purchased of a neighboring postmaster under the provisions" of the postal laws and regulations. If it is not feasible to buy the stamps in this manner, notice should be taken by postmasters who should act accordingly in case of emergency that postoffices in Boston, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans, Denver and San Francisco have been furnished "with stamps, wrapped and sealed for shipment in packages containing the following quantities, valued at \$100 per package: 2,000 1c, 2,000 2c, 400 5c, 200 10c; and also, 1c and 2c stamps in packages of 10,000 each to postmasters needing such quantities as well as 5c, and 10c stamps in quantities "not less than full sheets of 100."

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CHAPTER LI.
Issue of 1898.

Early in January, 1898, the color of the 1 cent stamp was ordered changed to conform with the agreement of the Universal Postal Union. This change marked the abolishment of the blue which had been used for the stamp of lowest value almost continuously since 1851, and produced a stamp printed in green—the color adopted by the postal departments of the various nations that were parties to the agreement. In March of the same year the 5 cent stamp was changed in color from brown to blue. Later in the same year the colors of the 4 cent, 6 cent, 10 cent and 15 cent stamps were also changed. The dates of issue of the stamps in new colors follow:

1 cent, January 17, 1898.
4 cent, October 7, 1898.
5 cent, March 8, 1898.
6 cent, December 31, 1898.
10 cent, November 11, 1898.
15 cent, November 30, 1898.

The number of plates used to print the commoner stamps has now become so large that it is impractical in a series such as this to give them more than passing mention.

No change was made in the designs of the stamps, and little variety is noted.

1 cent—printed from 141 plates, of 400 designs each; lowest number 439; highest number 1065. Shades (by Mr. Luff) pale yellow green, yellow green, dark yellow green, dark gray green, green, dark green.

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15 cents—printed from a single plate (number 264) with 200 designs. Shades—olive green, deep olive green.

The writer is of the opinion that the list of shades given above is not as complete as it should be, but as I started out to quote Mr. Luff in the matter of shades, it is best not to add to it in this chapter. In following installments I will adhere to my own classification of shades, as I have determined them to be, together with those furnished by correspondents and the philatelic press.

In the matter of correct classification of shades, it is my opinion that no authority excels Mr. Luff.

A change should be made in the list of plate numbers given in the previous chapter, the 1895 issue. Omit 50 cent, plate No. 286; \$1, plate No. 287; \$2, plate No. 289; \$3, plate No. 288. I am told that while these plates were made they were never actually put into use.

(To be continued.)

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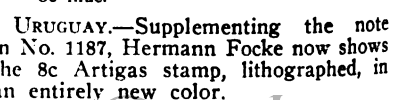
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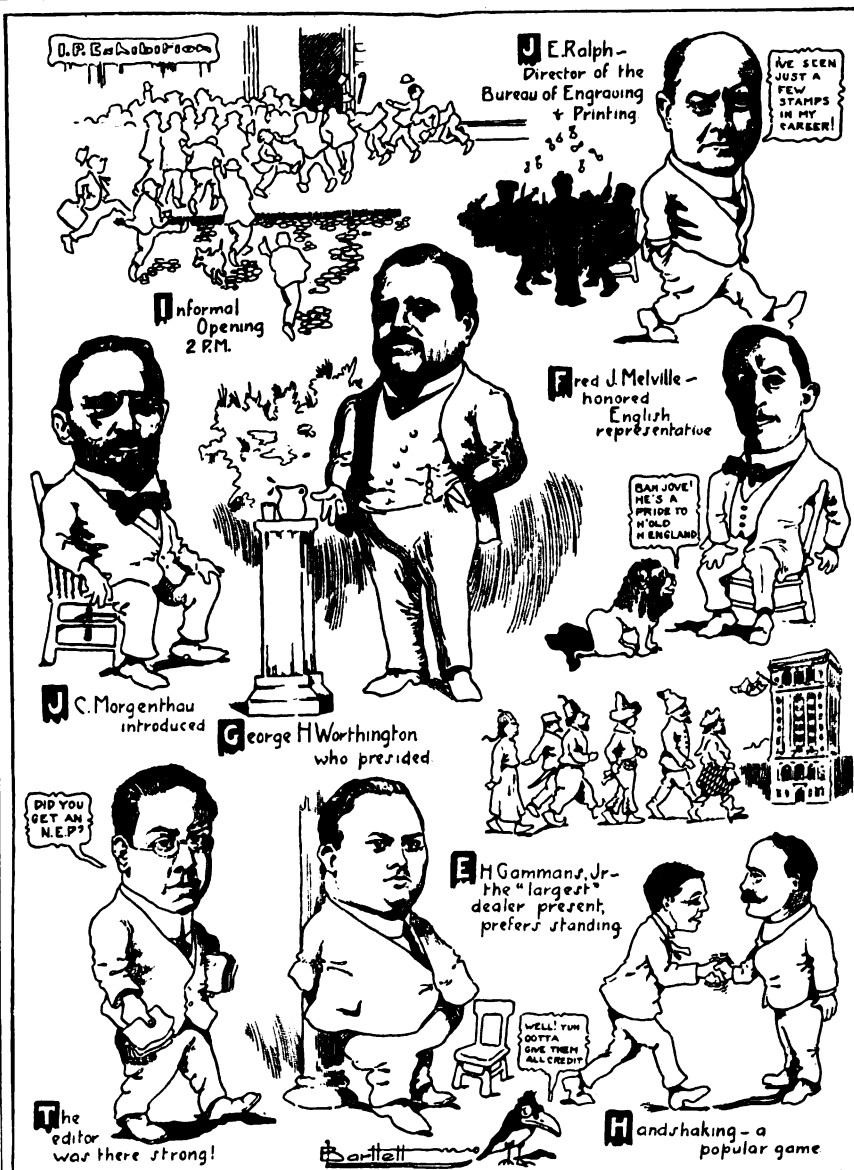
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THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Hamburg.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

Between September, 1864, and April, 1865, all the values included in the two series already described appeared perforated 13½, the perforation being done by single line or guillotine machines.

In February, 1865, the color of the 7sch was changed from yellow to mauve, probably to prevent confusion with the 9sch. Wherever fresh printings were made the stamps were manufactured by the same processes as before, i. e., lithography for the 1¼sch and 2½sch values, and typography for the other denominations. The same plates and stones were used and the typographed stamps were printed by Meissner and the lithographed ones by Adler as before.

All values were printed on the paper watermarked with undulating lines, and, as in the previous issues, specimens from the outer rows of the sheets are occasionally found without watermark. The ½sch, 1sch and 2sch hardly vary in shade at all, but most of the other values exist in quite an array of tints.

The 3sch in the ultramarine shade and the 7sch in mauve are both known imperforate but it seems highly improbable that either was ever issued for use in this state. The ½sch, 3sch, and 7sch values are known imperforate vertically and the 9sch may be found imperforate horizontally.

Reference List.

- 1864-5. Wmk. Undulating lines. Perf. 13½.
12. ½sch black, Scott's No. 13.
 - (a) Imperf. vertically.
 13. 1sch brown, Scott's No. 14.
 14. 1¼sch mauve, Scott's No. 15, 15a or 15b.
 15. 2sch red, Scott's No. 16.
 16. 2½sch green, Scott's No. 17 or 17a.
 17. 3sch blue, Scott's No. 18 or 19.
 - (a) Imperf.
 - (b) Imperf. vertically.
 18. 4sch green, Scott's No. 20.
 19. 7sch orange, Scott's No. 21.
 - (a) Imperf. vertically.
 20. 7sch mauve, Scott's No. 22.
 - (a) Imperf.
 21. 9sch yellow, Scott's No. 23.
 - (a) Imperf. horizontally.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

Although the letter rate to Lubeck was reduced to 1¼sch on October 1st, 1865, and the printed matter rate to the Netherlands was fixed at the same figure on July 1st, 1865, it was not until April, 1866, that the postal authorities troubled to issue a stamp of this value.

In this month a series of envelopes with embossed stamps of the values of ½, 1¼, 1½, 2, 3, 4 and 7sch was issued, these being manufactured in Berlin by the Prussian State Printing Office. The die for the 1¼sch envelope stamp was made use of in the construction of a plate for printing the adhesive stamp of corresponding value. The plate consisted of one hundred impressions arranged in ten horizontal rows of ten, and the stamps were embossed in color on plain white wove paper. These stamps were rouletted 10 instead of being perforated.

The central portion of the design is very similar to that of the stamps of the preceding issues, and shows the numerals and arms on a ground of solid color within an octagonal frame. Around this the usual inscriptions are placed in the same order as before, and these are separated at the corners by

six-rayed stars or asterisks, each having an uncolored circle in the centre. The whole is enclosed in a double-lined octagonal frame.



In the following June the lithographed 1¼sch stamp was superseded by an embossed label of similar value. This was also manufactured by the Prussian State Printing Office and, as in the case of the 1½sch, the plate was constructed from the die for the 1¼sch envelope stamp. The plate was of similar size containing one hundred impressions in ten rows of ten. The design is very similar to that of the 1½sch, the inscriptions being on an octagonal border separated by stars; but the stamp was converted into a complete rectangle by adding a number of diagonal parallel lines to each of the four corners.

This stamp was likewise embossed in color on white wove unwatermarked paper and rouletted 10.

Mr. Brunel points out that the genuine stamps exhibit the following peculiarities:—

(a).—The figures "1" are formed of embossed cross-hatching which runs diagonally from top to bottom and from right to left.

(b).—In the 1¼ schilling, under the "1," the second line (forming the background of stonework of the towers) is broken.

(c).—In the 1½ schilling the first and second "i" of the indication of value (at left) are joined to the bottom of the following "n" (more visible in the case of the first than of the second), likewise the letters of the last word "halb."

(d).—The "K" of "POSTMARKE" has the base smaller than the upper part.

These values show practically no variation of shade.

Reference List.

1866. Embossed. No wmk. Rouletted 10.
22. 1¼sch mauve, Scott's No. 25 or 25a.
 23. 1½sch rose, Scott's No. 26.

THE FIFTH ISSUE.

In June, 1867, one more change took place in the stamps of Hamburg before the special issues were finally suppressed in favor of the general issue for the North German Confederation. A further supply of 2½sch stamps was required, and as these could not be satisfactorily produced from Mr. Adler's lithographic stone, typography was resorted to and the old type of 1859 was rehabilitated.

These stamps were manufactured by Th. G. Meissner, of Hamburg and it is probable the die was engraved by J. F. R. Ziesenis, who was responsible for the other dies of the same type. The "secret mark" on this value corresponds with that found on the 2sch of the 1859 series—that is, there is a small colored dot under the first "I" of "Schilling."

The stamps were printed on the paper watermarked with undulating lines, and they were perforated by the 13½ machine. There are a number of distinct shades, and the variety is known imperforate and also imperforate horizontally.

Compared with the other typographed stamps this value was produced in a very inferior manner, this being due, probably, to the fact that it had to be manufactured in somewhat of a hurry.

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Reference List.

1867. Typographed. Wmk. Undulating lines. Perf. 13½.
24. 2½sch green, Scott's No. 24.
 - (a) Imperf.
 - (b) Imperf. horizontally.

THE UNOFFICIAL REPRINTS.

In 1868, shortly after the stamps were replaced by the issue for the North German Confederation, the remainders were offered for sale and found a purchaser in the late Mr. J. Goldner, a well-known stamp dealer of Hamburg. How many stamps were included in this lot is a matter regarding which no information has been published that we know of. It would appear that these remainders were all specially printed for sale if we can place any reliance on a statement that when the stamps were demonetised "only one sheet of the 1¼ and 2½ schilling remained over, some imperforate sheets of the second issue of the 1¼ schilling, and some defective sheets." If this were the case then the fact that the remainders had no gum is easily accounted for.

Having very few of the lithographed 1¼ and 2½sch Mr. Goldner approached the lithographer, Mr. C. Adler, and finding the original drawings were available commissioned him to make new stones of these values. Though the design was the same as the originals the stones were laid down in a different fashion. For the 1¼sch a block of sixteen transfers was made (in four rows of four) and this was retransferred to the stone six times making sheets of 96 stamps. These types all show little peculiarities differing from the issued stamps, these being detailed in full in Mr. Brunel's article in the "Postage Stamp," already alluded to. The "plate" for the 2½sch also consisted of 96 stamps but in this instance the transfers were applied in blocks of four.

These reprints appear to have been made in 1872. At first unwatermarked paper was used and then a quantity of the original watermarked paper being discovered this was used. These "reprints" are known imperforate, perf. 11½, and perf. 13½. Those on unwatermarked paper or perf. 11½ can easily be distinguished for there were no originals of this sort; and those on watermarked paper, perf. 13½, may be told by the roughness of the perforations compared with the originals. Though the official perforating machines were used the pins had become worn causing the "rough" effect.

About the same period reprints, or rather imitations, of the 1¼ and 1½sch stamps of 1866 were made. These were printed on white wove unwatermarked paper and are found rouletted 8½ as well as the 10 of the originals. The "reprint" of the 1¼sch is from a retouched die and it differs from the originals in having the small circles in the center of the four rosettes, which separate the inscriptions, filled in with color. There is also no line in the upper part of the "g" of "Schilling." The 1½sch was reprinted from the envelope die, and has a longer line in the upper part of the "g" of "Schilling," while the corner stars also have solid centers. The paper is thicker and the color of the impression does not show through as in the case of the originals. Both "reprints" exist with forged postmarks.

CONCLUDING NOTES.

The few reprints, as we have already pointed out, were made privately some years after the stamps had become obso-

lete, and these should present no difficulties to the collector. Forgeries of most of the values are very common, but as most of these are very roughly executed they should hardly deceive the collector exercising ordinary care.

As the majority of Hamburg stamps are rarer used than unused, genuine stamps with counterfeit postmarks are by no means uncommon. A very usual form of cancellation consists of a circle containing the name of the town and the date, and readers should take note of the fact that such marks with a star or fiolet before and after the name "HAMBURG" are undoubtedly bad. Equally common is a postmark composed of four parallel lines, either thick or thin, 20 mm. long and about 5mm. apart. The forgeries of this usually have the lines too short, more than four, irregularly spaced, or thickened at the ends. There is also a cancellation composed of four wavy lines, but the use of this seems to have been confined to the first issue only, and it is rarely met with.

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A STUDY OF ADVERTISING MEDIUMS.

We have been so busy during the past weeks that very little of a personal nature, so far as the WEEKLY is concerned has appeared in our publication. We realize that we have rather neglected our advertising chat, but anyone looking through the WEEKLY might feel that our advertising needs no boosting. We take this opportunity of quoting the following from a letter just at hand from C. A. Pitkin, who has tried various stamp papers and has come to this conclusion:—

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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from James Whiteside (4).

—Postmaster General Burleson has recommended to the Interstate Commerce Commission that the maximum weight on parcel post packages be increased to fifty pounds for the first and second zones.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Rochester (N. Y.) Philatelic Association was held Wednesday evening, November 26th in the Club Rooms. The event held unusual interest on account of its being the Society's first Auction night. The results spell a speedy success, over \$24 being realized. The next meeting will be held the third Wednesday of December instead of the fourth on account of the latter date falling on Christmas eve. This will be the annual meeting for the election of officers and the presence of all members is wished.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Buy Some—The American Red Cross seal for 1913 has been issued and its design is a particularly pleasing one. In the center of the label which is of oblong shape is a typical Christmas scene in green showing Santa, reindeers, snow and all; and the picture is framed by a deep border in red. Coincidentally with the appearance of the seals which the government permits to be sold from booths erected temporarily in the large postoffices comes the dispensation from Washington: "In order to facilitate the handling and delivery of mail during the Christmas holidays, the requirement that domestic mail matter bearing on the address side adhesive seals or stickers, other than lawful postage stamps shall be treated as unmailable, is hereby suspended until January 1, 1914.

An Acknowledgment—From Mr. J. H. Peterson, New York City, we have received copies of several old postal tables. There is a list of postmasters in the chief towns and cities as corrected by the department November 1, 1859; and a schedule giving the amounts of postage collected in each of the different states or territories for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1858. In the organization of the postoffice department for 1859, we find the name of H. St. George Offutt as Chief Clerk of the Auditor. This gentleman, Col. H. St. George Offutt, cast his fortunes with the Confederacy upon the separation of the South from the North and was made First Assistant Postmaster General and Chief of the Contract Bureau of the Post Office Department of the Confederate States. While it is not to be said

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that Colonel Offutt was a stamp collector, yet as an officer in the postal service of the south, he evinced a marked and intelligent interest in the stamps of the Confederacy; and it is through his recollections and exhibits that not a few obscurities about the stamps have been removed. For instance, certain of the perforated stamps, in addition to the ten-cent, were legitimized by a sample book belonging to Col. Offutt that remained in his possession for many years after the war and contained examples, singly and in block, of the perforated stamps. Further, he said that a few trial sheets were perforated of each value but the machine which was worked by hand was operated so laboriously that "its active use was never undertaken."

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Columns Upon Columns—As the International Exhibition management did not patronize a press clipping bureau, it forgot to cultivate a source of great interest and satisfaction. In the absence of statistics as to the extent of the publicity received in the press by the Exhibition, it may be said that a host of papers and magazines covering almost all the fields of human endeavor published comments on or news of the Exhibition. These notices were good, bad and indifferent; and a few were ridiculous. It must be admitted that even the prodigies of the pen find themselves on an uncharted sea when philately is in the wind. Last week we patted Frederick J. Haskin on the back because of his series of articles on postal affairs but that was before the eleventh installment, "Postage Stamps," had appeared in print, in which Mr. Haskin speaks of the Exhibition; but his remarks do not call for loud and continued applause because of their brilliancy. Of all the outside opinions expressed in print that we have read, one, in particular, impresses us. Editorially, *Modern Homes and Gardens*, a publication whose quality we need not extol here, under the heading, "Stamp Collecting as an Educational Pastime," says in part: "The study of stamps is dignified by the term 'Philately.' The Brooklyn Academy of Arts and Sciences has a Philatelic Section and in England the Royal Philatelic Society has its 'Fellows' as well as the other Royal Societies, the King of England being a philatelic enthusiast and authority. Not only the designs upon the stamps themselves are interesting and worth study, but the incidents connected with issues cannot help but prove broadening and instructive. With the mania for collecting stamps of an issue, different from one another by reason of a trifling measurement of a letter here or the misplacement of a line there, we have no sympathy, but the sane collecting of stamps whose purpose serves to introduce us to the main movements in recent and contemporaneous history, deserves encouragement and as a home educational pastime is one well worth following."

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Fair Comment—The foregoing comment as a passing editorial is about as

fair and at the same time keen as any that we have ever read. The view on the minor variety is the natural and proper one for an on-looker to take as only close and continued intimacy with philately will allow one to appreciate the lure of the little things of philately. Mention is made of the recognition of philately as a science by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, an occasion that caused much rejoicing throughout the philatelic world in 1898. We remember the circumstance well and to commemorate the honor paid philately, the WEEKLY issued a large special number, dedicated to the Brooklyn Institute. Of this special issue, over 100,000 copies were printed and circulated; and for the advertising in the number, eight times our regular advertising rates were received. The names to which the number was sent were gathered principally from the files of years of the largest stamp concern of the times; and while there were "dead" names on the list, it may be said that the mortality comparatively was small. This edition really of over 100,000 copies afforded statisticians a basis for their computations of the philatelic population of the country.

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They Hand It To Us—From Mr. W. H. McDonald, Chicago, we have received a cover bearing the circular postmark, in dark red: "Phi-31-De" or Philadelphia, Dec. 31, (1804). The cover was sent from Philadelphia, December 31st, 1804, to Lancaster, Pa., and the postage amounted to twenty cents. We have seen postmarks of the large cities, such as Richmond, Va., in the 1700's, on covers but this Philadelphia cover of 1804 has the familiar "Paid" stamp in the upper right hand corner as well as the postmark in the other upper corner. The date is an early one for the Paid impression in this form; and in fact, we can recall no earlier one. Here we take the opportunity to inform those correspondents who have written recently about the standing of Paid 5, etc., impressions that the markings on unstamped covers used either before or after the advent of stamps are of no philatelic value in themselves, although we consider them adventitious aids to philately. However, they are considered as curiosities by those who qualify as antiquarians.

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Among the visitors at the New York Exhibition was D. Field, the well-known London dealer. It was our privilege even as it was the pleasure of many others to meet Mr. Field and his opinion of the hospitality extended by American collectors conveys with it hearty thanks for the attentions shown him.



We quote from Mr. Field's recent letter:—

DEAR MR. WYLIE:
I have pleasure in enclosing herewith the amount due to you for advertising. I had a very good time indeed in New York. Everybody, both collectors and dealers, seemed to do their very best to show me hospitality, and many little attentions which were very much appreciated. I had the pleasure of meeting many well-known collectors, whom I had formerly only known by correspondence. I shall never forget the particular kindness of Mr. C. L. Pack, in fact I may say that my visit was a success looked at from every point of view.

THE PHILADELPHIA CLUB.

(We desire to compliment the Philadelphia Stamp Club upon the publicity that it is able to secure through the Philadelphia press. Amongst several clippings sent us by James Whiteside is one from the North American that we deem of sufficient interest to reprint in its entirety. It would be a good thing for philately if stamp clubs were scattered more plentifully throughout the country.—Ed.)

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At the recent International Philatelic Exhibition in New York, Edwin A. Fleisher, of the Philadelphia club, was awarded medals for his collection of stamps from Soudan and India, Henry Gibson won a medal for his collection of United States stamps. Percy M. Mann was also awarded a medal.

The officers of the Philadelphia Stamp Club are: F. Hahman, president; E. L. Green, vice president; Karl L. Hassel, secretary; J. L. Manfred, treasurer; F. Leonhardt, librarian; W. S. F. Pierce, sales manager; A. F. Henkels, exchange manager.

THE DEATH OF DUNCAN KAY.

It will come as a severe shock to many stamp collectors and dealers to learn that Duncan Kay of Cincinnati died suddenly October 24 at Traverse City, Mich. We have been made acquainted with the particulars through his brother John Kay of Detroit, who writes concerning him:—

"My brother was a stamp collector from boyhood and it was only last spring that he disposed of his large collection. Like many others he afterwards regretted it and had concluded to start again, but it was ordered otherwise. He took cold at Sault Ste. Marie Oct. 21 and three days later was called away. My brother David and I hastened to his bedside but were too late, our brother having passed on several hours before our arrival."

From clippings received we learn that Mr. Kay was a bachelor and is survived by five brothers and one sister. The funeral took place Oct. 27 at Galt, Mich.

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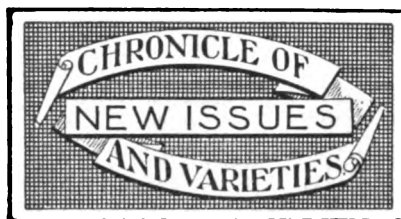
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge lists the following new precancels:

Covington, Ky.—Two lines (COVINGTON—KENTUCKY) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals 2 1/2 mm. high, between lines 11 mm. apart and 1 mm. thick. 1c 1912.

Covington, Ky.—Identical with above, except that the letters are 2 mm. high instead of 2 1/2 mm., 1c 1912.

Chicago, Ill.—(No. 1157) 1c 1912-13, Panama-Pacific.

St. Louis, Mo.—(No. 1162) 10c 1912.

Elkhart, Ind.—(No. 1164) 1c 1912.

Quincy, Ill.—Two lines (QUINCY—ILLINOIS) horizontal inscription between lines 10 mm. apart, sans-serif block letters 2 mm. high, lines 1 mm. thick. 1c 1912.

Boston, Mass.—(No. 1164). 5c 1910, inverted, 1c 1912, inverted.

Kansas City, Mo.—Two lines (KANSAS CITY—MISSOURI) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals, between lines 14 1/2 mm. apart and 3/4 mm. wide. 4c 1910. 5c 1912-13, (No. 1169).

Boston, Mass.—(No. 1164.) 1c 1912, 2c 1912, inverted.

Springfield, Ohio.—Two lines (Springfield—Ohio) horizontal inscription in fine type, capitals with serifs, between lines 13 mm. apart and 1 mm. thick. 1c 1912.

Richmond, Va.—Same design as Cincinnati, Ohio (No. 1162) all capitals, but letters slightly smaller. 6c 1910, reported by Jno. M. Stone.

I. C. Greene has shown us the 1c postage due stamp, with old watermark sideways. As previously stated, the Government uses the watermark to prevent counterfeiting, and the printers are indifferent whether the sheets are placed on the press upside down or not. The stamp books have the watermark sideways. There is nothing new in any of these vagaries.

ARGENTINE.—According to the *Stamp Lover*, the 1c, 2c, 5c and 12c of the current series have been surcharged with initial letters for the various departments, as announced some time since.

AUSTRALIA.—Arthur Russell submits a specimen of the 1d kangaroo perforated large "O S." This has been in use for some months, as Mr. Russell has received several from a Western Australia schoolmaster, who no doubt received them in connection with his Government position.

Ewen's Weekly is informed that the Victorian 3d stamps are all used up, and none but Kangaroos are now on sale.

The *Australian Stamp Journal* says: "Mr. H. S. Mort, of this city, has shown us a curious block of four 1d Kangaroo stamps. The lower pair has been perforated twice, the reason being that at the first operation the horizontal row of perforation cut into the design of the upper pair, but the re-perforations had been done in such a curious manner that a novice might imagine that the two lower stamps had been perforated vertically on a machine with very fine needles; in fact, some would say they were serrated.

"We have, however, seen specimens of this double perforation on several occasions previously. It is an axiom of the Government Stamp Printer that the perforations must not encroach on the design. The stamps before us are punctured O. S. and we are in a position to state that more so-called varieties, errors, freaks, and peculiarities will be found in the punctured officials than in the ordinary stamps for public use. The explanation of this is that if anything has been found not up to the standard it is utilised for official service."

HONDURAS.—A. W. Dunning has shown us the 50c value in the new lithographed set, the design being the same as the 5c and 6c values previously chronicled.

Adhesive.

50c carmine.

JAPAN.—In a letter, which was unfortunately mislaid, we find that Lewis A. McArthur anticipated our chronicle of the 5s, 10s and 20s values, and should have had credit for reporting them as

well as the 2s and 4s, not yet chronicled. The 4s in the same design as the values chronicled in No. 1197, while the 2s is in the design of the 1 1/2s and 3s chronicled some time since. The 3s and 4s stamps are of almost exactly the same shade, by gas light they cannot be distinguished, except by the design and the figure of value.

Adhesives.

2s light green.
4s carmine.

NICARAGUA.—The Rev. Louis Voss and T. F. Chitraro have also shown us used specimens of the 1/4c Cordoba on 15c on 35c Mountains, as chronicled in No. 1196.

The Rev. Mr. Voss, who by the way specializes in Nicaragua and Honduras also shows specimens of the new Cordoba stamps, bisected diagonally and vertically. The letter is not clear, but apparently there are seven varieties cut diagonally and three varieties cut vertically.

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- 10pa The Fanarak.
- 20pa The Castle of Europe on the Bosphorus.
- 1pi Mosque of Sultan Ahmed.
- 1 1/2pi Monument to the Martyrs of Liberty.
- 1 1/4pi The Bathing Fountains of Suleiman.
- 2pi Cruiser Hamidie.
- 2 1/2pi The Candile on the Bosphorus.
- 5pi War Office.
- 10pi The Sweet Waters of Europe.
- 25pi The Suleiman Mosque.
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GOOD STAMPS TO BUY.

(Continued from page 432.)

TONGA.

It is refreshing to turn to this country, for although some of the stamps of the first type (portrait of King Geo. I.) are still priced very low, and have proved a very poor "spec" for an investor, the whole issues are full of possibilities, and as a country to collect it cannot be surpassed for fascinating variety. Some of the stamps are under a cloud of suspicion that they were "manufactured to oblige," or that they were never sold over the post office counter in the regular way, but, taken altogether, we think the numerous varieties were caused by inexperience and a disregard for exactitude. It

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must be asserted, however, that Tonga availed itself to the full of its opportunities.

All the stamps are in good demand in Australia. There are several very keen collectors, and stocks are not large. The pictorial stamps issued in 1897 are still obtainable (the 1/2d is temporarily sold out), consequently they cannot be recommended as an investment, but a good collection of Tongans will always command a ready sale. The great variety in this country is the 7 1/2d black and green centre inverted. Three copies have changed hands locally within the past 12 months at from £22 10s to £25 apiece. The gentleman who discovered this error informed us a few months ago that only one sheet of 60 stamps was found. £6 seems a lot for the error 1889 on the 1d Royal Wedding stamp, instead of 1899. It can be bought for much less.

Copies of the 2 1/2d no fraction bar to "1/2" used are occasionally offered in Sydney at 10sh. Some say this variety is still current. We are not prepared to vouch for the statement, but this stamp crops up now and again.

We would advise our readers to exercise caution in purchasing the G. F. B. stamps, for several remainder sets, with the overprint in carmine very faded and the stamps having a stained appearance—probably due to the gum—came on the market some 6 or 8 years ago.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 13, 1913

The 304th (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, December 16th, at 7.30 o'clock.

The application for membership of Mr. Ralph N. Hall will be acted upon.

There will be a Christmas entertainment with gifts, and members are asked to leave any contributions, "however humble" (but not too humble!) with W. S. Barker, at 12 Bromfield St., who will see that they are started in the proper direction.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New members: F. M. Robinson, No. 227, Milton, Iowa, Box 111. William C. Polk, No. 228, Revere, Mass., care Ocean Pier Garage.

Application for membership:—John T. Symons, Pen Argyl, Pa., age 30, bookkeeper in the Pen Argyl National Bank. References O. K.

Receipts, none.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.
ARGUSVILLE, N. D., Nov. 30, 1913.

GOOD STAMPS TO BUY.

It has occurred to us that the publication of the numbers of the first issues of British Solomon Islands, Gilbert and Ellice Islands and New Hebrides, together with the prices quoted for unused in Gibbons' catalogue, 1912-13 edition, might provide interesting material for the purpose of comparison, and help our readers to form their own opinions as to the real market values relatively. They are as follows:

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.

1/2d	45,364	0	4
1d	25,598	0	6
2d	20,641	1	0
2 1/2d	12,072	1	0
5d	8,310	2	6
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1s	7,291	5	6

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1/2d	12,240	not priced.
1d	12,000	"
2d	12,360	"
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5d	6,240	10 0
6d	6,000	10 0
1s	6,120	12 6

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1/2d	37,920 multi wmk.	1 3
1d	5,280 single wmk.	8 6
1d	66,000 multi wmk.	0 6
2d	39,360 single wmk.	1 0
2 1/2d	30,000 single wmk.	0 8
5d	19,200 single wmk.	2 0
6d	19,200 single wmk.	4 6
1s	14,640 multi wmk.	6 0
1s	1,440 single wmk.	50 0

It will be seen from the above tables that the British Solomon Islands' stamps suffer considerably in comparison, and yet it was the "straightest" issue which ever came on the market. The question therefore, naturally arises, does Gibbons' catalogue price reflect the real market value, or does it merely indicate that they have been fortunate in laying in a good stock, which enables them to sell at a profit? When that stock gets dispersed (which it must undoubtedly do in time), then that firm's catalogue will show a material advance.

NEW ZEALAND ISLANDS.

AITUTAKI, NIUE, PENRHYN.

As the stamps of these three islands are similar, we have decided to consider them as one group. We have never been able to understand why they were issued nor have we ever seen any satisfactory reason for their existence. In our opinion they were simply conceived to supply philatelic demands. They have been since the beginning, and are still, purchased at face value at Wellington and Auckland, and we venture to say that 95 per cent. of those in circulation were never in any of the Islands. The overprint (in all cases on New Zealand stamps) is mysterious and effective. Such being the case, the stamps are good sellers from a dealer's point of view. But from a purely philatelic standpoint they ought to be classed amongst rubbish. The fact that they have been issued by the New Zealand Government leads many collectors to think they are necessary in a collection, but, if considered from a financial aspect, they are bad property, for the reasons given above. Unless we are very much mistaken they will not pay Savings Bank interest for holding, and they are not "good stamps to buy". In expressing this opinion, we are referring to the regular issues. There is always a gamble with "varieties" which many people enjoy, but in support of our contention we would ask our readers to note the dates of issue and the present catalogue prices of most of the ordinary kinds. Genuinely used specimens are in quite a different category. Buy them when you can.

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PAPUA.

The issues of this country may be divided into four groups, as follows: No. 1. British New Guinea stamps printed in London (a, thick paper, b, thin paper). No. 2. The same overprinted, "Papua" (a, thick type—Port Moresby, b, thin type—Brisbane). No. 3. Lithographed in Melbourne (a, small "Papua," b, large "Papua"). No. 4. Electrotyped in Melbourne.

Papuan stamps are fashionable at present, and consequently in demand. Although all are the same design, their variety is charming, and a fairly representative collection can be acquired at a small outlay. True, several of the varieties are already quoted at fancy prices, but it is still possible to pick up some of them cheaply, for in every case they are not apparent to the inexperienced eye.

Although Messrs. Gibbons have carefully listed the earlier issues, they have for some inexplicable reason studiously ignored the varieties of the lithographed stamps of the small "Papua" series, but should any of our readers endeavour to purchase from that firm blocks containing the known varieties, we venture to say they will be disappointed, and although Messrs. Gibbons decline to give these stamps catalogue rank, it should not be supposed that they do not value them on their merits, seeing that three or four of the varieties are only to be found in the proportion of one in thirty.

The catalogue prices of the British New Guinea series (No. 1) are fairly representative, but we doubt if they will advance much in the near future. This remark hardly applies to the 2sh 6d, which is fully as scarce as its price (70sh) indicates. It is very much in demand, and being necessary to complete the set, it is likely to continue so. Consequently we would consider it an exceptionally "good stamp to buy." Nearly all the overprinted series (No. 2) are scarce in Australia, if not elsewhere, and in our opinion Messrs. Gibbons' quotations for them are low, those for the thick letters being particularly so. Many collections which we have seen lack several of them, the 4d being exceptionally uncommon. We would therefore advise our readers to buy all they can get at the best prices obtainable.

On the other hand, the lithographed stamps (No. 3) are fairly plentiful. Quantities were purchased by speculators while they were obtainable at face value, or thereabouts, and whereas they may prove a good investment, we do not anticipate a big rise for a long time. Exception must, however, be made in regard to the varieties. Many collectors have neglected them simply because Gibbons do not catalogue them, but the demand is sure to come. In our opinion their value is six times the price of the ordinary kind.

A great deal cannot be said regarding the electrotyped stamps (No. 4), as they are now current, but we should not be surprised if subsequent printings appeared in different shades of the same colour as those now on the market. Then, again, the present stamps are on paper with the South Australian type of Cr. A. When that paper is exhausted, subsequent printings will most likely be made on the new Commonwealth paper, for it is hardly probable that the authorities will have special paper provided.

Viewing the matter from another point, the Federal Government may decide any day to abolish Papuan stamps altogether and substitute the ordinary kinds used throughout the Commonwealth; but this is not very likely. Still, one never knows what may happen, and we would advise our readers to be on the alert.

SAMOA.

It is considered by some that the stamps of this country, issued up to the time it was taken over by Germany, should only be classed as "locals." We have no intention of discussing that point now, but we may say that for many years the postal system was run by an individual, who ran it as a private concession. He alone controlled the printing, issue and sale of stamps. They were supplied to his order by the New Zealand Government on paper watermarked N. Z. and Star, but there the connection of that body with them ended. The postmaster above referred to derived a considerable revenue from the sale of sets to collectors, either unused or postmarked-to-order. The design is attractive, and they look well in an album, but their real market value is problematical.

We know a good deal more about these stamps than we care to publish, for we do not like to commit a breach of confidence, but we may say that it will be a long time before the palm tree series will appreciate in value materially. This remark does not apply to original copies of the "Samoa Express." They are priced fairly high as it is, but genuinely used specimens are very scarce (they were only available for use from Samoa to Australia and New Zealand). Genuinely surcharged copies of the 5d on 4d (both types) are also scarce. The five pence flag type is much scarcer than the other denominations of the same series.

In 1900, or thereabouts, the country was taken over by Germany, when a provisional series—Samoa overprinted on German stamps—was issued. These are not so plentiful as is supposed, the 25 and 50pf being absent from many collections. The "ship" type has had a good run; it is still in use, and it need hardly be considered as an investment.

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A TRIP IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE.

By HUBERT LYMAN CLARK.

When I left Boston, July 14, I promised myself that I would write a letter telling of my experiences as a stamp-lover in the southern hemisphere for to whom else could I so well turn for sympathetic interest in my beloved hobby? I have the honor of being one of four American zoologists sent out by the Carnegie Institution of Washington to make certain investigations into the marine life of Torres Straits, that remarkable area of sea-water, reefs and islands, which separates New Guinea from Australia. We sailed from San Francisco on the 23rd of July and stopped at Tahiti, Cook Islands and New Zealand before finally reaching Sydney. Thence we journeyed northward to Thursday Island, the metropolis of Torres Straits, stopping at Brisbane and Cairns, in Queensland, on the way. We expected to have our laboratory on Thursday Island but conditions there were unsatisfactory so we were obliged to go to the Murray Islands, a hundred and twenty miles to the northeast. This move not only cut us off for six weeks from all communication with the outside world but put an end to the hopes I had entertained of setting foot in Papua. No one else in the party had any interest in stamps, so I've had my hobby completely bottled for a couple of months, especially since there is no post-office in the Straits except at Thursday Island, and at a few widely separated points on the New Guinea coast.

Fancy my delight on getting back to Thursday Island, to find in the accumulated mail, ten numbers of MEKEEL'S forwarded to me by my boy. They are being read almost word by word!

At Tahiti, as soon as I could get ashore, I went to the post-office but found it closed, for the mail which was being distributed, brought by our boat, was the monthly mail from France, and was a big one, surprisingly so to me. I was told that I could get stamps at 2.30, but at 2.30, they said 3.30 and at 3.30 they said 5 o'clock. At five o'clock, so many people were calling for their mail (there is no delivery service even in Papeete itself), that the clerk did not want to sell me stamps, but I finally succeeded in getting attention. And then my troubles began! French is not my strong point and the clerk knew no English. Moreover two series of stamps were on sale, the old "Peace and Commerce" type and the new set, recently received from Paris. I started on the old style but my best French failed to make the clerk believe I really wanted a dozen of each kind! Finally he was convinced but alas, of several values, he could not furnish anything like a dozen. The next morning after we had each had a night's rest, I returned to the attack in search of the new series. The poor clerk was most patient and considerate but I had new troubles for him. When I asked for twelve of each value up to the one franc and two of each of the higher values he tossed out twelve neat little packets in paraffine paper, which I found contained two 1c, two 2c, and one of each of the other values. Instantly I saw a great light and said to myself, "So that's why 1 and 2 centime French Colonials in o. g. condition are so much more common on exchange sheets than the other values!" No doubt I might have learned this interesting fact from any dealer in Boston,

but I never had. Well, I pushed ten of the packets back to him and shook my head. They wouldn't do at all. I must have the rest "en bloc." I wanted some pairs and at least one "bloc de quatre." He had already decided I was a collector but now he felt reason to believe me crazy and I soon gave him overwhelming proof that I am! For I am very decidedly of the opinion that a stamp is not a postage stamp until it has done postal service, so unused stamps (particularly unused French Colonials, purchasable in Paris!) have very little interest for me (save that they are useful for exchange with that vast number of collectors who don't agree with me!). Consequently I soon had the bulk of my purchases adorning a stack of letters most of which I handed over to my wearied friend for registration! And then greatly to his relief I bade him adieu. Altogether my little venture in Tahitian stamps cost me four times as much time and twice as much money as I had planned!

At Rarotonga, the chief of the Cook Islands, we only stopped for a few hours. By making a bee-line for the post-office, I got there ahead of the mail but I was just in the nick of time for the doors were closed with a rush behind me. However, I was on the inside and had the whole office to myself. An intelligent native clerk gave me his undivided attention and showed me every courtesy. English being the official tongue of course I had no trouble in making my wants known. But the fly in the ointment was the poor centering of the stamps. I was permitted to look at sheet after sheet and I can truthfully say it has never been my lot to look on such an array of wretchedly perforated stamps as the stock in the post-office at Avarua, Rarotonga, Cook Islands, on August 7, 1913. It was impossible to get even one good copy of the shilling stamp and the lower values were, as a rule, not much better. But for courtesy and willingness-to-oblige commend me to the Avarua office. Moreover in its location and setting, it is the prettiest and most picturesque post-office building I have seen and the interior is delightfully clean, commodious and convenient. I regret to add, however, that courtesy at this office is carried too far, the outrageous practice of "cancelling-by-request" being permitted. In all the examples I saw, however, the date was wanting in the cancellation.

At Wellington, the post-office is a new and attractive building, admirably arranged for the convenience of patrons and the rapid transaction of business. I have never seen anywhere an office that seemed to me so well adapted to its purpose. It was an easy matter to get the stamps I wanted and to see to the registration and mailing of letters. The system of registration was delightfully simple, the receipt consisting simply of a duplicate of the numbered label affixed to the letter. The whole transaction occupied hardly five seconds. A year ago I began doing business with the Stanley Stamp Co. of Wellington, so as soon as I had the chance, I hunted up the office. The proprietor, Mr. C. H. Osmond, well-known among the stamp-lovers of New Zealand and Australia, gave me a most cordial welcome and I spent some time looking over his stock. I was particularly interested in

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At Sydney, I found no end to the delights the city affords. In every way it is one of the most attractive cities I've ever been in, and the opportunities for the lover of stamps are innumerable. The post-office is externally a magnificent building, one of the most pleasing. I think, of the public buildings of the city. Internally, it is not nearly so attractive nor is it as convenient as the one in Wellington, and the system of registration in vogue (and which prevails in all Australian offices) is an unmitigated nuisance. It is apparently designed to discourage the registration of

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The quality of Sydney's stamp shops was a surprise to me. Both J. H. Smythe and Fred Hagen, Ltd., have ground floor establishments on the principal streets, in the very heart of the shopping district. The equipment of these establishments and the extent of stock carried certainly must delight the heart of any stamp lover, and their location on the street level indicates that the business done is excellent. It is as though the New England Stamp Co. were to occupy Huyler's store on Tremont Street! Both Smythe and Hagen publish monthly journals, which carry a high grade of reading matter but each is of course only a house-organ. To an outsider taking a hasty and superficial view of the situation, it seems that the chief need of stamp collectors in Australia is a weekly journal, similar to our own indispensable MEKEEL'S, and I believe it would be good business policy for both Smythe and Hagen to abandon their monthlies and combine in backing up an independent weekly. Having had pleasant business relations with each of these dealers before I ever dreamed of going to Australia, I was not surprised to receive a cordial welcome and to be shown every courtesy. My only regret was the narrow limitations of my pocket-book! Both dealers made it clear to me that the demand for the stamps of Papua, Solomon Islands and New Hebrides is so great in Australia, not to mention the rest of the world, that prices are already astonishingly high and bound to go higher. Good postally used copies of these stamps, that is of the earlier issues, are for many values virtually unobtainable, and my boy's want list is still largely unfilled either because the stamps were not to be had or the price asked was prohibitive to a poor zoologist!

At the Sydney post-office, I found on inquiry, that several of the last issues of New South Wales stamps could still be procured but apparently there was not a large stock on hand of any one of them. At Brisbane, at Cairns and at Thursday Island, I found Queensland stamps of several values could still be purchased at the post-office, but I failed to find any 1/2d or 1d stamps or any values above the 9d. Judging from what I have seen at these offices I should think the 4d gray-black was likely to last the longest of any of the old issues. Of course, at all offices, the kangaroo set is on sale and I was interested to discover that the high values are used on cable messages and expensive telegrams. The cancellation is not always distinguishable from a regular postal cancellation and I fancy many "postally used" copies will ultimately come on the market from these telegrams. Of course such stamps are nothing but revenue stamps, since they do not in any way aid in the carriage of the message but are simply receipts for the

money paid. Perhaps Mr. Nelson is right in his contention that those of us who really want postally used copies will have to collect original covers only!

In Sydney I was so fortunate as to meet a lady who is something of a collector and much interested in stamps, whose husband receives a heavy business mail from New York at frequent intervals. She not only showed me used one, two and five dollar United States stamps actually by the dozen but she insisted on my picking out a copy of each value, of both the 1895 and 1902 issues, to take home to my boy! Isn't it delightful to make that kind of a friend in a strange city?

I have found it virtually impossible to secure unpicked, used stamps in any quantity at any price. Even in Cairns, which I thought far enough from Sydney to be ignorant of stamp values, I found that used, current Papuan 1d stamps were considered worth two cents each! At Thursday Island, I found a lot of used stamps in a stationer's shop mostly recent Queensland 3d and 6d values, but with some higher values and a few Papua, and this I secured for a very reasonable price. Thursday Island receives considerable Papuan mail, but though I have one cover with eight 1d stamps, I saw none of the values above the 2d, in use.

Now, we are southward bound, en route for home. Dealers in Sydney said in August that before I returned the Commonwealth would be using the new 1d stamp with King George's head on it, but it has not yet been issued and I am skeptical as to its appearance soon. Politics seem to enter into the question of a new issue far more than at home and the present government holds control here by such a slender margin, I shall be surprised if they actually supersede the "Kangaroo" stamps before another election. And, may I add in passing, that I am one of those who very much like the present stamp. I admit the paper is poor and the stamps are hard to separate without tearing, but the design of the stamp is simple and distinctive, and entirely free from undue ornateness, if that word is permissible.

I expect to sail from Sydney on November 17th and hope to get a "look-in" at the post-office in Suva, Fiji, on my way to Honolulu. I have little hope of getting anything at Suva, except the current Georgian set but if time permits, I may stumble on something more exciting. In Hawaii of course, I have no hopes of anything in the stamp-line—that field has been too well gleaned for me to expect any leavings. I hope to reach Cambridge and take up the usual routine of life again, December thirty-first.

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CHAPTER LII.

Series of 1898—Trans-Mississippi.

The Trans-Mississippi Exposition, held in Omaha, Neb., during the larger part of the year 1898, was the occasion for a new issue of stamps to advertise the event. This was the second series of adhesive commemoratives circulated by the government. The proposal, when it became known to Philatelists, was not received with unmixed approval, and many protests were entered against the issue. These protests were of no avail, however, and promptly on June 17, 1898, the nine denominations were simultaneously issued. At first it was intended that the stamps should be printed in two colors, but this plan was abandoned as impractical. The facts about the various stamps, in brief, follow:

Design 22x34 mm., same frame surrounding the scenes, in all cases.

1 Cent—"Marquette on the Mississippi." Printed from 14 plates; lowest plate number 590; highest, No. 712. Number of stamps issued, 70,993,400. Shades—green, yellow green, dark yellow green.

2 Cents—"Farming in the West." Printed from 121 plates, lowest number of which was 597; highest number 752. Number of stamps issued, 159,720,800. Shades—claret brown, light claret brown, dark claret brown, light brown and brown red.

4 Cents—"Indian Hunting Buffalo." Printed from three plates, lowest number being 599; highest No. 636. Number of stamps issued, 4,924,500. Shades, yellow orange, orange, deep orange.

5 Cents—"Fremont on Rocky Mountains." Printed from three plates, lowest plate number being 602, highest No. 618. Number of stamps issued, 7,694,180. Shades—light blue, blue, dull blue, dark blue, indigo.

8 Cents—"Troops Guarding Train." Printed from two plates, numbers 609, and 618. Number of stamps issued, 2,927,200. Shades—bright brownish purple, brownish purple, deep brownish purple. Variety—imperfector horizontally. One sheet of 50 stamps was sold at the Philadelphia postoffice, imperfector horizontally.

10 Cents—"Hardships of Emigration." Printed from three plates, lowest plate number being 609, highest number 618. Stamps issued, 4,629,760. Shades—slate grayish purple, dark grayish purple.

50 Cents—"Western Mining Prospector." Printed from a single plate, number 603. Total number of stamps issued 530,400. Shades—sage green, deep sage green, olive.

\$1—"Western Cattle in Storm." Printed from a single plate, number 606. It was first planned to print this stamp in a shade of light brown. This was changed to the one used—deep black. Total number of stamps issued, 56,900.

\$2—"Mississippi River Bridge." Printed from a single plate, number 613. The color first selected was sapphire blue. This was changed to the color adopted, deep orange brown. Total number of stamps issued, 56,200.

The writer would advise collectors to fix in their minds the number of stamps issued—56,900 in the case of the \$1, and 56,200 of the \$2 stamps. When it is remembered that some collectors have these in pairs, strips, and blocks of four and more the catalog price seems to be low, and there is every reason for the advances made in the catalogs. As an investment these stamps seem to be good property.

CHAPTER LIII.

Pan-American Exposition Stamps, 1901.

The Pan-American Exposition, in Buffalo, N. Y., during the greater part of the year 1901, was deemed sufficient occasion for the production of a third series of commemorative stamps, to properly advertise the event. Six denominations were prepared. This was the first successful attempt to print commemoratives in two colors, but not the first postage stamps to be so issued—the issue of 1869 being the exception. The stamps were fairly attractive, and it was said at the time they were current had much to do with stimulating collecting.

A brief description of the stamps follows:

1 cent—Fast Lake Navigation. Issued May 1, 1901. Printed and issued to the various postoffices, 91,401,500.

Shades—Frame, light green, bright green, green, dull green, dark green. In all of these shades there is a bluish tint. Center, black, deep black, grayish black. Variety—Center inverted, of which 700 are known to have been printed.

2 Cents—Fast Express. Issued May 1, 1901. Number issued, 209,759,700.

Shades—Frame, light scarlet, scarlet, light carmine, carmine, deep carmine, reddish lake. Center, black, grayish black.

Variety—Center inverted, of which 54 copies are known, and only a single copy is said to have been known to have been used.

4 Cents—Automobile. Issued May 1, 1901. Number issued, 5,737,100.

Shades—Frame, light orange brown, orange brown, deep orange brown, reddish brown. Center, black.

Variety—Center inverted. These were hand-stamped with the word "Specimen." None of the 206 known existing copies were sold through postoffices.

5 Cents—Bridge at Niagara Falls. Issued May 1, 1901. Number issued, 7,201,300.

Shades—Frame, light ultramarine, ultramarine, deep ultramarine. Center, black. There are no varieties chronicled.

8 Cents—Canal Locks at Sault Sainte Marie. Issued May 1, 1901. Number issued, 4,921,700.

Shades—Frame, light brown, brown, dark brown. All of these have a distinct purplish cast. Then there is a rare shade of claret brown. Center, black. No varieties.

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The First Volunteers—On April 15th, 1861, President Lincoln's proclamation calling for 75,000 volunteers was issued. By the following day, troops were assembling in the different states and soon, the soldiers were in the capital. On July 30th, 1861, soldiers' letters by official authorization were forwarded from the camps to the homes of the writers where the postage was collected. Subsequently, the "soldiers' letter" postage exemption was in force, when the letters were initiated by the proper officer. The query is: How were the soldiers' letters forwarded in the interval between April and July, 1861? The letters were sent under the franks of members of congress representing the districts from which the soldiers came, when the soldiers had no postage stamps to prepay the letters; and these franked envelopes were distributed in small quantities to some of the soldiers at Washington. Usually, "Free" was impressed on these franked envelopes at the Washington office.

Alaskan Gold—At different times in the past reference has been made to the use of quantities of high value United States stamps on "packages" from Alaska. As showing that special regulations apply to the transmission of gold from Alaska to this country and between points in Alaska, the following new order of the postal department is quoted: "On and after January 1, 1914, gold coin, gold bullion and gold dust offered for mailing between any two points in Alaska and between any point in the United States and its possessions shall be inclosed in sealed packages not exceeding 11 pounds in weight and sent by registered mail. The rate of postage thereon shall be two cents an ounce or fraction thereof regardless of distance in addition to the regular registry fee."

Wheels Within Wheels—Our paragraph two weeks ago to the effect that the identity of the thief who stole the inverts at the Exhibition, based on the statements of two of our readers, does not seem to ring true in the absence of official confirmation of the circumstances as related in print. Still, speaking of

official foundation, it happens that the story that was told us was one that was given substantially, by a prominent officer of the Exhibition whose statement was considered *ex cathedra*, in the hearing of our informant and others. We suppose that it is beside the purpose to attempt to fathom the depth of the reason for it all.

We Knew Him Well—Arthur P. Hosmer died at St. Louis on December 6th and was buried from the hall of Grove Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Downers Grove, Illinois, on December 10th, 1913. For the past ten years, Mr. Hosmer has been subject to lapses of ill health that accounted for frequent and sudden changes of vocation that could not always be closely followed by his friends. In the fairer times, Mr. Hosmer held a position of importance in the insurance business in Chicago. Twenty years ago and more, Mr. Hosmer was very well known in philately. He was a prime mover in the organization of the old Western Philatelic Union, a sectional society that practically was national in its scope, and which, it may be added, was the only serious rival that the American Philatelic Society ever had. While not a voluminous philatelic writer, Mr. Hosmer had a way of making his words tell or rather hit and his anonymous notes in particular excited no little rancor in the breasts of those whose armor was not invulnerable. "Puritan" was the nom-de-plume of Mr. Hosmer that attained the most celebrity. Mr. Hosmer was one of the earlier specialists and his collection of the stamps of Venezuela at one time perhaps was the best that had been assembled up to its day. Early philatelic literature appealed to Mr. Hosmer and he had some priceless old works but his stamps and his library were scattered to the winds in the harsh days that came. In the history of local philatelic affairs in Chicago, the name of Mr. Hosmer often appears; and ultimately, Mr. Hosmer was employed by Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer. Later, Mr. Hosmer went to St. Louis to take a position with the C. E. Hussman Stamp Company and we understand that Mr. Hussman did everything that he could to make Mr. Hosmer's death a peaceful one. Mr. Hosmer who had no near relatives living was a native of Boston but since about 1886, his home was in Chicago; his age was about forty-five years.

Postal Progress—On and after March 16th, 1914, books will be mailable by parcel post. The agitation against the exclusion of books from parcel post privileges has had its effect; and it is safe to say that the innovation will be favorably received. The rate of postage on "books weighing eight ounces or less shall be one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof and on those weighing in excess of eight ounces the regular zone rate shall apply." Beginning with the new year, the limit of weight of parcel post mail will be increased from twenty to fifty pounds within the first and second zones and from eleven to twenty pounds in the third to eighth zones, inclusive.

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The independence of Holland was proclaimed on November 17th, 1813, but the Prince (King Willem I) returned in Holland from London on November 30th. As this date is a Sunday, the issue will be on the 29th.

There is no disputing of tastes, tastes differ always. But if we will not dispute the artistic value of the designs, we have known King Willem III and know our Queen Wilhelmina, and we have the right to speak in the name of all those who are more acquainted with the Royal House, that the likeness of both is very bad. It seems that the artist, Mr. Bazel, at Bussum (near Amsterdam), who is the designer, has received reproductions of the one or ten gulden-coins of Holland with one of the three first portraits. Perhaps the best way for artists to make artistic heads, but not to make "portraits," is to furnish the likeness of the persons they have to design. The portrait of the Queen does not resemble, as the lines from the nose to the chin, including the mouth, are not quite correct, making Her Majesty much too old.

The stamps have been engraved by Professor Aarts at Amsterdam. The plates have been made in the printing office of Messrs. Joh. Enschede at Haarlem. The labels are surface-printed like the current stamps of 1 to 10 gulden.

The paper of the 2 1/2 cent, 3 cent, 5 cent, 12 1/2 cent, 5 gulden, and 10 gulden is toned in the same colour of the respective stamp-values; for the other values it is white. I believe that many will censure the coloured paper, as the shades of the printed designs are too much in the same hue. The following values are issued on the day this number will be printed. The quantities printed of each value will not be augmented by any new printing. As the number printed of some values is much too little, that of the 5 gulden and 10g much too large. Some values will be exhausted in three or four days, if not on the day of issue. The demands for some values have surpassed the quantity printed. The different post offices will receive a sufficient quantity of each value to sell to the public, and only the remaining quantities will be divided between the public in proportion to their demands:

2 1/2c Willem I, green on greenish, 3 million.

3c, Willem II, ochre on yellowish, 1 1/2 million.

5c, Willem III, red on rose, 3 million.

10c, Wilhelmina, grey on white, 1 1/2 million.

12 1/2c, Willem I, violet blue on blue, 1 1/2 million.

20c, Willem II, brown on white, 500,000.

25c, Willem III, blue on white, 500,000.

50c, Wilhelmina, yellow green on white, 200,000.

1g, Willem I, claret on white, 200,000.

2 1/2g, Willem II, violet on white, 100,000.

5g, Willem III, chrome yellow on yellowish, 100,000.

10 g, Wilhelmina, orange on yellowish, 100,000.

The current postage stamp of 1 1/2 cent light blue and the post card of 1 1/2 cent, single and double, will be printed in a much darker shade, and the 50 cent will be changed to lilac (centre) and grey (frame). (Official Circular, No. 267, November 13th, 1913). They will appear as soon as the present stock of these values is exhausted.—*Stamp Collecting.*

THE NEW AUSTRALIANS.

During the term of office of the Fisher Government in Australia a new design was adopted for the Australian postage stamps. It was that of a Kangaroo shown on a white map of Australia. The white was to indicate that Australia is endeavouring to keep her population white. Over 95 per cent. of the people of Australia were either born in the United Kingdom or are the sons or daughters of those who were born here.

However, a change of Government has been effected in the Commonwealth, and it has also been decided that the form of postage stamp in use shall be changed. It is now stated that the new stamps will soon be issued.

The halfpenny stamp is to be exactly similar to the Western Australian design, with the black swan in the centre.

The penny stamp is to be printed in two shades of red, while the halfpenny is to be green.

The twopenny-halfpenny issue will be almost similar to the penny stamp, but will be printed in blue.

For the sixpenny issue a kangaroo will form the main feature, with the tails of lyre birds at each side. There will be a boomerang below the kangaroo, and underneath that again a platypus. This is copied from the second prize design which was submitted in the recent competition.

The Kookabura will be in the centre of the new shilling stamp.—*Postage Stamp.*

OUR REVIEW.

The annual Year Book of the Southern Philatelic Association is a very pretentious book and a distinct credit to C. V. Webb, the secretary, who compiled it. There is a wholesome lot of advertising, together with the usual matter found in a Year Book of this kind. The list of members is a very creditable one. Price 50c, from Mr. Webb at Perry, Ohio.

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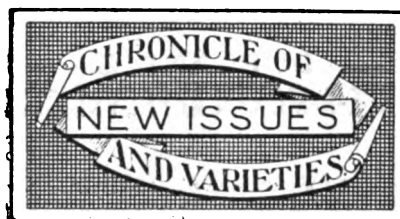
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AUSTRIA.—According to the *Post und Telegraphen Verordnungsblatt*, dating from Dec. 1, the 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, and 35h stamps will be sold in roll form at face values. The 3, 5 and 10h stamps are in rolls of 1000 stamps and the other values in rolls of 500 stamps.

AUSTRALIA.—The *Melbourne Argus* prints the following regarding the new stamps:

In reply to an inquiry, Postmaster-General Wynne stated that the work of printing the new penny stamps which are to take the place of the kangaroo issue has been commenced, and he expected to have a million penny stamps ready for circulation in the course of a few days.

Mr. Wynne stated further that he had arranged to have designs drawn for stamps of other values. The halfpenny stamp is to be exactly similar to the Western Australian design, with the black swan in the centre. The penny stamp is to be printed in two shades of red, while the halfpenny stamp is to be green.

The twopenny halfpenny issue will be almost similar to the penny stamp, but will be printed in blue. For the six-penny issue a kangaroo will form the main feature, with the tails of lyrebirds at each side. There will be a boomerang below the kangaroo, and underneath that again a platypus. This is copied from the second prize design which was submitted in the recent competition. The kookaburra will be in the centre of the new shilling stamp, which has been taken from a drawing by Mr. Blamire Young. The kookaburra is the giant kingfisher, known throughout Australia as the "laughing jackass."

BELGIUM.—From a specimen sent us by W. H. Peckitt we find that the 2c value is now being issued without the engraver's name.

CEYLON.—*Champion's Bulletin* reports "specimen" copies of the 1r on the new yellow-faced paper.

CHINA.—From specimens of the new stamps sent us by W. H. Peckitt, we find that the color as given in No. 1195 of the 6c was not correct.

Adhesive.

6c slate gray.

DENMARK.—W. T. Wilson shows us further values in the King Christian set.

Adhesives.

15 ore purple,
20 ore dark blue.

FRANCE.—According to *Stamp Collecting*, it is announced that in view of the success that has attended the experiments in the carriage of the mails by aeroplane in France it has been decided to inaugurate a regular service in certain districts. A special issue of postage stamps for franking letters sent by aerial mail is in contemplation, the proposed design showing a view of the Eiffel Tower.

FRENCH REUNION.—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* says that in the near future it is probable that the postage for an inland letter-card will be reduced from 15 to 10 centimes. A considerable number of these have already been issued, either as 10c letter-cards or 10c surcharged on the old 15c. Two letter-cards have been surcharged 10c in red.

Provisional Letter-Cards.

10c on 15c blue on grey,
10c on 15c grey on light blue.

HUNGARY.—E. L. Southwick sends us a post card franked with one of New Hungarian Charity stamps. The current design is used, with the addition of a double lined frame below the stamp, with two lines of Czech and "2 Filler," this being the additional charge made on all values for charitable purposes. *Stamp Collecting* says these charity stamps were placed on sale November 20. The full set, including the 12f, 50f and 60f in the new colors are to be had with the "2 Filler" addition.

A Hungarian correspondent writes to *Stamp Collecting* as follows:

Another sensational change has taken place with regard to the postage stamps of Hungary. Since 1881, when the first postage stamps printed upon watermarked paper were issued, several changes have taken place, the last type

of the watermark being: Crown of St. Stephen. Lately, stamps with a new type of watermark have been issued, the latter consisting of ornamental double barred crosses all over the sheet. The cross is taken from the coat of arms of Hungary, where it stands above three hills, these hills signifying the three highest mountains of the country: Tátra, Fátka, Mátra.

Examining the ornamental lines in the new watermark, one can easily distinguish that they are to signify these three hills. The watermark is to be found with the crosses upright or sideways, and is much clearer and more visible than the old crown-watermark had been.

Still another alteration is contemplated with regard to the 12, 50 and 60 Filler stamps. They are to be printed on coloured paper, the 12 filler upon yellow, the 50 filler upon blue and the 60 filler stamp upon red paper. The reason of this change is that it is very difficult to distinguish them from the 25, 10, and 5 filler stamps respectively. The 50 filler has for this reason actually been withdrawn ever since May. No Hungarian stamps have been printed on coloured paper, although many of them can be found with a yellowish tint caused by deterioration of the paper.

INDIA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 1r and 2r values, in the same design as the 5r value of the King George set, chronicled some time since.

Adhesives.

1r green and red brown,
2r brown and carmine.

Nabha.—W. T. Wilson sends us the 4a and 1r King George stamps surcharged "Service" and "Nabha—State" for official use in this convention state.

Patiala.—From the same source we have received the 3p, ½a and 1a King George stamps surcharged "Patiala—State" and "Service" for use in this state.

MEXICO.—Frank C. Davis shows us a novelty from this country. It is a registration seal, assuming that this is the meaning of "Certification." The design shows the National arms in a rayed circle within a rayed double oval, with "Correos—Mexico" at the top and "Certification" at the bottom. The stamp is embossed and die cut on the outside rays, the extreme size being 2½x1¼ inches.

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NICARAGUA.—W. H. Peckitt sends us specimens of the Cordoba surcharges, but all have been previously chronicled.

ST. HELENA.—We have been shown the new 4d and 6d stamps, with "Postage" on both sides of the portrait by W. H. Peckitt. Curiously enough, the 4d is on the old yellow paper.

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SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 2sh 6d value in the King George series.

Adhesive.

2sh 6d carmine and black on blue.

SWITZERLAND.—W. T. Wilson has shown us a new Charity stamp from this country. The stamp which is of the usual size shows Helvetia facing to the left, with the Alps in the background, the figure of value "5" in the upper left corner, and "Helvetia" in a curved ribbon tablet at the bottom. Outside the design at the top is printed "Pro Juventute," and below the design in two lines, Pr. 10 Cent—1 XII 13-28 II 14." The stamp was issued December 1, and is sold by the Postoffice at double face. It will be in use only until February 28, 1914. The stamps are printed in sheets of 50, five rows of 10.

ZANZIBAR.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us several values in the new set and we find that the 15c is in deep ultramarine instead of blue, as previously chronicled on the authority of a foreign contemporary.

STATE SOCIETY FOR WISCONSIN.

By GEO. A. CHANDLER.

The Wisconsin Philatelic Society, the youngest of the Middle-Western State organizations, is a lusty youngster. Born October second of 1913, with five members, it has grown in two months to four times as many members. In these two months the officers have shown themselves a capable and energetic lot. All expenses have been paid and the Treasury is still full; the Library has been firmly established; and the Sales and Exchange Departments are now both in working order with plenty of good stamps. Two very successful exhibitions have already been held, the stamps having been on exhibit for two weeks in the cases of the Wisconsin Historical Museum at Madison. The United States specialized and the Foreign lots both attracted considerable attention from the hundreds of visitors and the press was favorable in its comments. The Secretary, Mr. George Crownhart, 224 North Murray Street, Madison, Wisconsin, has a list of names which includes most of the collectors in Wisconsin and he is writing letters to each one as fast as he can. However, he has not the names of all Wisconsin collectors and Wisconsin readers of the WEEKLY do their part by sending in the names to the Secretary.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

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—Ed. S. Green, a long-time subscriber to the WEEKLY, sends us two new yearly subscribers from his home town. This is boosting that counts.

—We are now advised that the kookabura is to follow the kangaroo on the Australian stamps. We are obliged for the information.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from William Feringer.

—John Hennecke calls our attention to the fact that a fine article entitled "Plots in Postage Stamps" appears in the December issue of the *Bookman*. It is by Gardner Teall and is illustrated.

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—M. Ohlman sends us a list of prices realized at his last sale. Bids were received from 148 different bidders and Mr. Ohlman expresses himself as highly pleased with the success attending the sale.

NEW 3d GREAT BRITAIN.

In a recent number we announced that two values of the current series of Great Britain were to be changed. We now learn that the 3d denomination has appeared in a new colour, or to be more accurate in a new and distinctly different shade. The earliest used copy we have seen is dated November 15th. The new colour is deep violet instead of pale mauve, and the change has probably been made to avoid confusion with the 6d stamp. The new stamps are printed at Somerset House and bear the Control C. 13.

Up to the present we have received no intimation as to the other value which is to be altered, but rumour has it that the 10d stamp may possibly be the other change. However, this is merely supposition.—Stamp Collecting.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Hanover.

Hanover, or Hannover, as our Teutonic friends spell it, was formerly a kingdom of Northern Germany, but since 1866 it has formed a province of Prussia. It stretches eastwards from the Netherlands to the Elbe, and from the North Sea southwards to Hesse-Nassau, and includes the former duchy of East Friesland, the Lüneburg Heath (55 miles long), part of the Harz Mountains, and outliers of the Weser Mountains. Its total area is 14,833 square miles and it has a population well in excess of two and a half millions. Except in the South, where the Harz Mountains attain a height of 3037 feet, the surface belongs to the great North German plain, with immense stretches of moor and heath. Large areas of the moorlands have been drained and reclaimed within recent years. Hanover is watered by the Elbe, Weser, Ems and their tributaries, and the soil near the rivers is very fertile. One sixth of the total area is covered with forest.

The people of the north-eastern and central provinces are mostly Saxons; those on the coast are of Frisian origin; those on the west of the Ems, Dutch; and those in the southern provinces, Thuringians and Franconians. Platt-Deutsch, or Low German, is commonly spoken in the rural districts, but High German is the language of the educated classes, and is spoken with more purity than in any other part of the Empire.

Cattle are bred and grazed on the marshes next the North Sea. Ironware and steel goods, textiles, sugar, machinery, gutta-percha and india-rubber, chemicals, scientific instruments, beer and spirits, are the more important products of Hanover's manufacturing industry, while Geesemünde is one of the most important fishing ports in Germany. Coal, iron, zinc, lead, copper and salt are mined in the Harz Mountains.

The second elector of Hanover became George I of England in 1714, and from that date until 1837 the Hanoverian electors sat on the English throne. When Queen Victoria ascended the throne Hanover passed to her uncle the Duke of Cumberland. On his death (November 18th, 1851) his son, the blind George V. succeeded to the kingdom, and he, siding with Austria in 1866, took up arms against Prussia, was defeated, driven from his throne, and Hanover was annexed to Prussia.

The capital of the province bears the same name, Hanover, and is situated on a sub-tributary of the Weser, 78 miles south-east of Bremen, and 158 miles west of Berlin. It consists of the old town, with narrow streets and mediæval houses, and the handsome modern town which lies on the north, east, and south-east of the older portion. During the last quarter of the nineteenth century the town grew at an enormous rate, and at the present time its population exceeds a quarter of a million. The old town possesses several fourteenth, fifteenth, and seventeenth century buildings, such as the former royal palace, the town hall (1439), the chancellery of justice, and the house of Leibnitz, now converted into an industrial art museum. Intermingled with these are a number of quite new structures (1876 to 1911), such as the magnificent railway station; the royal library (containing 200,000 volumes and 4,000 MSS); the royal playhouse, one of the largest theatres in Germany; the museum, with natural history and art collections; the Kestner Museum, with antiquities and 120,000 engravings; the post office; and the Reichsbank. Hanover has a famous polytechnic, housed in the Welf (Guelph) Castle, and attended by over 1,500 students. Close by is the Heddenhausen Castle (1698) the favorite residence of Kings George I, II, and V. whose beautiful grounds are open to the public.

The Duke of Celle chose Hanover for his residence in 1636, and it has remained the capital city from that date.

Hanover is the headquarters of the 10th German Army Corps, and is an important centre of the North German railway system.

ITS PHILATELIC HISTORY.

The philatelic history of Hanover dates from 1850—the year before the death of King Ernest (Duke of Cumberland)—when a single stamp bearing the face value of one gutengroschen was issued. In 1851 Hanover joined the German-Austrian Postal Union, and a series of stamps was issued on July 21st of that year for defraying the rates of postage within the Union. In 1856 colored papers were dispensed with and the stamps were overprinted with a colored network instead. In 1859 the stamps with values expressed in fractions of a thaler were superseded by a new series bearing the portrait of King George V. and with values denoted in groschen. Until 1864 all the stamps were imperforate, but in that year five values were issued with a roulette (*perces en arc*) gauging 16, and in 1866, on the annexation of Hanover by Prussia, the whole of the stamps, with the exception of a few sheets, were burned.

The currency was the thaler, divided at first into twenty-four gutengroschen of twelve pfennig each, and after 1858, into thirty groschen of ten pfennig each.

(To be continued.)

FICTION OUTDONE.

TO THE EDITOR:—

Enclosed you will find a clipping from a foreign (Italian) paper dealing with the late Exhibition.

As the article points out many things I have not seen anywhere printed. I deem it worth while to send it to you. If you haven't any translator, I will briefly give you the more salient points:

Beginning with saying the Exhibition has been a very important happening for the stamp collectors it goes on: "Some came from every part of the world, even with *risking their life*, (*sic*) in the very sense of the word. A Mr. John Lozier, for instance, a very sick man, to whom the doctors ordered absolute quiet, as soon as he got information of the Exhibition, took the first fast train for New York; an old lady from Lanerch (where is that?) in Pennsylvania, who for the last sixteen years did not leave the house, did likewise, without considering the horrors (*sic*) of the long voyage and the *fear* and dread of a big city."

Then it goes on: "Some stamps have a very interesting history, sometimes even tragic. Here are two stamps of two cents, rose, from Demerara, property of Mr. H. J. Duveen of London, who refused an offer of \$12,000 for them."

Several years ago, Duveen, after a thorough investigation, got to know of the existence of these two stamps, and organized a special expedition to Demerara (Brit. Guiana, writer) with the specific order to acquire the two stamps at any price. The expedition sailed, but half way over, the chief of the expedition caught the yellow fever and succumbed. The precious stamps fell in other hands, but Mr. Duveen kept track of them with the passion of a lover until at last he got them. Surely we may understand why he would not part with them for a patrimony. Two other stamps of the Exhibition have caused Mrs. Elizabeth Dawson and her heirs many tears. Mrs. Dawson, a New York woman, received in 1851 a letter from her brother in the Hawaiian Islands. The letter was franked with two stamps of the Islands and one of the U. S. and probably the dame tossed the cover away, but today the stamps that were on that letter are valued at \$10,000.

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Interesting is the story of two stamps of the Island of Mauritius, exposed by Mr. Duveen, the owner of the Demerara treasures. In 1847 the governor of the Island of Mauritius, organized a grand ball, and as the day before the first invoice of stamps from England was received, the governor thought to surprise friends in England, thereby demonstrating that the island was in a fair way to civilization even in postal matters. Unfortunately, or fortunately, according to the point of view, the night of the ball, a furious hurricane swept the Island, destroying the Post Office and the new stamps of course, leaving of these only the two that the Governor put on the letters of his friends. These were on the way to London before the storm broke over the Island and today have a value of \$18,000.

For the rest the collection of the president of the Exposition, George Worthington, is valued at \$300,000, and that of Mr. Loder at \$100,000."

Now you may add whatever you think but how in thunder if the facts are as described, none has printed them? I never heard of the two stamps of the Governor of Mauritius, neither of Mrs. Dawson, or of the expedition to Demerara by Mr. Duveen, or of the dying man, or the Lady from Lanerch, why then are these only imaginations of the writer of the article? I hope you agree with me, that the article is if nothing else, very interesting. I think, even to the Exposition Managers.

Yours truly,

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The above party wrote W. S. Aldrich, St. Joseph, Mo., for an approval selection, giving as a reference "Joseph Price." A letter to this party came back as undeliverable and in reply to a letter addressed to the postmaster at Ingalls Mr. Aldrich received the following word:—"Will say in regard to Cole that I have not heard anything from him. We have a lot of mail here for him and do not know what to do with it." Evidently certain dealers would better get busy and look up their approval selections.

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A Paper read before the Society of Stamp Collectors, and awarded the Bronze Medal of the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly."

Philately is the professor of Geography; she is also the handmaid of History; and nowhere more so than in the neglected but fascinating stamps of Monaco.

This little State dates back to the 10th Century, and its rulers, the Grimaldi, first became sovereign princes in the 16th Century. Monaco was then placed under the protection of France; under Spain in 1605; again under France in 1641. In 1793, by the French Revolution, she was annexed to France. The Treaty of Paris in 1814 restored Monaco to its prince, Honoré IV., under the Protectorate of France, exchanged for that of Sardinia by the Treaty of Vienna in 1815.

The postal service performed its regular functions during that period, and I possess old letters with the Monaco postmark.

In 1841 Honoré V. became prince; he was succeeded in 1848 by Florestan I., in whose reign postage stamps were first used in the Principality. These were the then current stamps of Sardinia, bearing the Monaco postmark; they are interesting and rare. Their use at Monaco, beginning in 1851, continued into the reign of Charles III. (who succeeded in 1856), until July 1860, when owing to the Italian wars Nice was ceded by Sardinia to France, and Monaco became once again a French protectorate. Full Customs and postal arrangements between Monaco and France were confirmed by a special Convention in 1865; but the French stamps were actually used in the Principality from July 1st, 1860.

In 1848, the year of the accession of Florestan I., the father of Charles III., a revolution broke out in the Principality, which has an interest both historic and philatelic.

Mentone and Roccabruna, for five centuries part of Monaco, revolted from their prince. The King of Sardinia very readily occupied the two towns with his troops, and proclaimed their annexation to his kingdom. Prince Florestan appealed to his Signatory Powers of the treaties of 1814 and 1815, who upheld his appeal, refusing to recognise the annexation by the Protecting State.

Mentone and Roccabruna forthwith proclaimed themselves "Free Towns," a sort of little republic under the protection of the Sardinian King, and yet technically within the Principality of Monaco. I possess fiscal paper with the impressed stamp of the two "Free Towns." This state of things continued till the cession to France in July, 1860. France had always recognised the rights of Monaco over Mentone and Roccabruna, and bought them from Prince Charles III., for four million francs in February, 1861, Monaco then assuming its present minute dimensions. I possess an interesting stamp with all this history on its face, a 10 centimes, French Empire, bistre, postmarked at Mentone on August 31st, 1860, with the Sardinian postmark, the post-office not being yet provided with a French obliterating stamp, and Mentone, although already under French protection, not being yet incorporated formally into French territory.

These few notes will show that Monaco has other interests besides Monte Carlo and its Casino.

Few spots in the world are more beautiful than the little Principality; the contrast between modern Monte Carlo, with its great white Casino, its palm-trees and its exquisite gardens, and medieval Monaco on its rocky peninsula with its little narrow streets, its Cathedral, its Oceanographic Museum, and its ancient castled, princely Palace (in which by the way, died the Duke of York, brother of George III.), and behind all the Maritime Alps towering up precipitously, blue sky above, blue sea below, makes a sight not easily forgotten.

Since July 1st, 1860, the French postal authorities have administered the post-offices of Monaco for the prince. Up to 1883, the French stamps, both of the Empire and Republic, were in use. Up to 1876 they are distinguished by the obliteration of a lozenge of dots, with the numbers 4222 in small figures in the centre, or 2387 in larger figures. From 1876, various date stamps, with the name of the post-offices, are the distinguishing obliterations. These French stamps, used at Monaco, although not so scarce as the previous Sardinian stamps used there, are much sought after.

The earliest French stamps used at Monaco, like the one used at Mentone mentioned above, bear still the Sardinian postmark before the arrival of the French obliterating stamps; these are scarce. One French postmark has peculiar historic interest; the authorities introduced into this the name of the surrounding French department, the "Alpes-Maritimes." The Principality energetically protested, and "Monaco Alpes - Maritimes" became "Monaco Principauté."

The collector must beware of Sardinian and French stamps with forged Monaco postmarks, and of French stamps with the postmarks "by complaisance" applied after they were no longer current at Monaco.

At length, from July 1st, 1885, the Principality began to issue her own stamps. Those first issued were the 1, 15, and 25 centimes; the rest of the series appeared in September, 1885. French stamps were permitted concurrently with the new stamps for a few months longer, and have a special interest with Monaco postmarks of that period. The Entires of Monaco were not issued till 1886, and the use of French Entires was therefore somewhat longer. The new stamps were designed by Monsieur Daniel Dupuis, and engraved by the famous Monsieur Mouchon; they were printed at the French Government printing-office, and plated exactly as the stamps of France. The design is admirable in its simplicity, bearing the head of Prince Charles III., who thus, had he not then for some years unhappily been quite blind, would have seen the stamps of three countries used in his Principality during his reign, those of Sardinia, France, and his own. Monsieur Dupuis had produced a more elaborate essay of this design in 1884. The subsequent simplification improved the effect, and few stamps excel the first

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This accounts for the fascinating number of very distinct shades, adding immensely to their interest. Of the rest of the 1885 issue there are from four to eight quite distinct printings and shades—in the two lowest values one might say distinct colours. There are also differences of paper and gum. The latest printings, when in blocks with margins, are distinguished by the marginal colour-bars first used in the French stamps in 1890. One rare error of plate exists in the last printing of the 2 centimes stamp, in which one stamp on the sheet shows an extraordinary triangular mark on the prince's neck; the cliché was corrected during the issue. Es-says of this emission exist in black on orange without value, and also, of the whole series, on card in the original colours, a few also on ordinary paper and on pelure.

Forgeries exist of the whole series; of the four higher values very dangerous ones. I possess forgeries of the 40 and 75 centimes used postally.

Prince Charles III. died in 1889, after a reign of 33 years, which had seen so many changes in his Principality—historic, geographical, and, last but not least, philatelic.

The first stamps of the reigning prince Albert I., appeared in March 1891, and most of the series during that year. Though officially announced as identical in colours with the previous issue, the 75 centimes became violet brown, and a new value, 50 centimes, violet on orange was added. They were designed as well

1914 Price List

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—The Beverly, Mass. Philatelic Society has completed its organization by electing Thomas Lund second vice-president. The next meeting will be at the Y. M. C. A., Jan. 1, 1914, when A. W. Batchelder will display the Pickman rarities exhibited at New York.

—The annual meeting of the Rochester Philatelic Association was held Dec. 17th. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, L. S. Richardson; Vice-President, W. H. Amberg; Secretary, H. J. Haddleton; Treasurer, F. E. Merritt; Librarian, P. C. Wild; Sales and Exchange Manager, L. L. Albright. There was some discussion about exhibiting stamps at Rochester's next Industrial Exposition to be held in September. The first annual banquet will likely be held some time in January at the Hotel Rochester. There will be an auction at the next monthly meeting, the fourth Wednesday in January.

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—"The returns from color chart advertisement have been coming in for the past four days. The first order received was for ten copies of the chart and every order so far received is from some 'new name.' These results are an absolute surprise so far; if it keeps up I will have to use Peruna."—H. L. WILEY.

A RECORD LIST OF NEW SUBS.

During the past two weeks we have been favored with many new subscriptions and some of the letters have proven a marked testimonial of friendship to the WEEKLY and interest in its welfare.

It has been a no uncommon thing for us to receive two and even three new subscriptions from the same party, but to a subscriber at Peekskill, N. Y., belongs the honor of having sent in no less than eight new six months' subscriptions. We think it no more than proper to make public acknowledgement of this splendid measure of coöperation.

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CHAPTER LIV.

Issue of 1902-03.

During the year 1902 a new issue of postage stamps was undertaken by the Postoffice department. The designs adopted were much more ornate than the preceding one—in fact, the 2 cent stamp was of such fanciful design that it was unsatisfactory, and after a few months' use, was superseded with what is known as the "2 cent flag type." The issue consisted of fourteen denominations, from 1 cent to \$5. Only two of the denominations were issued in 1902; they were the 13 cents, November 18, and the 8 cents, December 6.

It will be seen by the record of the number of stamps issued that a great number of plates were manufactured, so for this reason the list of plate numbers is omitted.

The data, compressed into its smallest possible space, follows:

1 Cent—portrait of Franklin—issued Feb. 3, 1903. Shades—(perforated) light yellowish green, yellowish green, deep yellowish green, dark yellowish green, light grayish green, grayish green, dark grayish green, green, deep green, dark green.

Number issued—11,174,161,974.
Variety—printed on dry paper.
Imperforate—shades—light grayish green, grayish green, dark grayish green.
Number issued—5,015,500.

Varieties—Government coil, perforated 12 horizontally; governmental coil, perforated 12 vertically; unofficial perforations for machine use.

2 Cents—portrait of Washington—issued January 17, 1903.

Shades—light rose red, rose red, deep rose red, carmine, deep carmine, bright red, red, brownish red.

Number issued—(about) 1,920,385,300.

Variety—imperforate (?)

3 Cents—portrait of Jackson—issued Feb. 11, 1903.

Shades—light violet, bright violet, violet, purplish violet, deep purplish violet.

Number issued—226,212,074.

4 Cents—Portrait of Grant—issued Feb. 10, 1903.

Shades—light yellowish brown, yellowish brown, deep yellowish brown, orange brown, red brown, deep red brown, brown.

Number issued—346,666,374.

Variety—imperforate (for private machine perforations). Number issued in this form, 10,000.

5 Cents—Portrait of Lincoln—issued January 20, 1903.

Shades—blue, deep blue, dark blue, indigo, deep indigo.

Number issued, 550,326,574.

Variety—imperforate; 10,000 were printed, of which 3,000 were retained by collectors and dealers in unused state,

in pairs and blocks. Government coils, perforated 12 vertically. Government coils, perforate 12, horizontally. Private perforations for machine use.

6 Cents—portrait of Garfield—issued February 20, 1903.

Shades—light brown red, bright brown red, brown red, dull brown red, deep brown red, pale claret, claret, deep claret.

Number issued—117,567,474.

8 Cents—portrait of Martha Washington—issued December 6, 1902.

Shades—light lavender, lavender, light grayish purple, grayish purple, violet purple, slate, dark slate, slate black.

Number issued—176,841,474.

10 Cents—portrait of Webster—issued February 5, 1903.

Shades—light red brown, red brown, deep red brown, light orange brown, orange brown, dark orange brown.

Number issued—260,010,574.

13 Cents—portrait of Harrison—issued November 18, 1902.

Shades—reddish purple, light brownish purple, brownish purple, light slate brown, slate brown, black brown, jet black.

Number issued—31,026,930.

15 Cents—portrait of Clay—issued May 27, 1903.

Shades—pale olive green, grayish olive green, olive green, dark olive green.

Number issued—41,205,574.

50 Cents—portrait of Jefferson—issued May 23, 1903.

Shades—orange, deep orange.

Number issued, 2,651,774.

\$1—portrait of Farragut—issued June 5, 1903.

Shades—grayish black, black, deep black.

Number issued—427,874.

\$2—portrait of Madison—issued June 5, 1903.

Shades—blue, deep blue.

Number issued—28,578.

\$5—portrait of Marshall—issued June 5, 1903.

Shades—blue green, deep blue green.

Number issued—36,443.

NOTE.—The 1 cent and 2 cent stamps of this issue were made up into books of various numbers of sheets each containing six stamps. Except by a very few collectors these book leaves have been sadly neglected. It is the opinion of the writer that collectors who are specializing are neglecting an opportunity in not securing these while they are to be had. Even the book panes in a specialized collection make up a subject of deep study in themselves, and as they are rich in shades, with the various line varieties, plate numbers, and various signatures of postmasters general on the covers, a collection of considerable value may be acquired.



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Issued November 12, 1903.

Number issued, perforated, (about) 22,831,050,383. Imperforate—10,685,999, which includes all sheets, blocks, pairs, and those which were supplied with private perforations for machine use, the Government coils, etc.

Varieties—imperforate horizontally. To be identified from government coils only in blocks.

Government coils, perforated 12, vertically.

Government coils, perforated 12, horizontally.

Privately perforated for use in mailing and vending machines.

There is a variance of opinion as to the classification of shades in these stamps. The following shades are given by Mr. Bartels: Perforated—Pale vermilion, vermilion, scarlet vermilion, scarlet, red, bright red, deep red, carmine red, dull carmine, carmine, bright carmine, bright carmine lake, carmine lake, deep carmine lake, pale lake red, bright lake red, lake red, deep lake red, bright rose red. Imperforate—red, carmine, carmine lake, deep carmine lake, deep lake red.

Mr. C. A. Nast gives the following as his classifications of shades—perforated—light carmine, dark carmine, rose carmine, scarlet red, scarlet vermilion, bright lake red, light lake, deep lake red, bright carmine lake, deep lake. Imperforate—carmine, carmine red, rose carmine, scarlet red, scarlet vermilion, light lake red, carmine lake, deep lake red, deep lake.

In neither of these classifications do I find the distinct "aniline" rose which is one of the handsomest stamps of the lot, in the perforates. The bright carmine lake also is found in the imperforates.

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EDITORIAL.

Everybody Happy—Our "shut-in" service was a great success; and there were more than enough stamps donated to supply all the demands. May all those who contributed to the happy results enjoy a rare serenity of mind during the holiday week. The responses to our appeal came from all classes of readers, including the ladies. Several of the "shut-ins" themselves who had shared the bounty of our readers offered their excess stamps to their fellow sufferers. To all those who aided the movement by donating stamps or submitting names of deserving "shut-ins" interested in stamps, we are truly grateful and the thought of their kindly example will long be cherished.

The Thing To Do—A list of the donors to the "shut-in" stamp fund would prove to be an interesting one if given here but we suppose that it is best not to publish it. However, two of the letters may be spoken of without any breach of confidence, we hope. One from Mr. Geo. A. Chandler, Madison, Wisconsin, president of the Wisconsin Philatelic Society, said: "The members of the Wisconsin Philatelic Society decided that it would be a good plan for the society to assist in providing worthy 'shut-ins' with stamps in accordance with the Christmas spirit and your suggestions in the WEEKLY. If you will be so kind as to send us a list of five or six names, we will try to supply each unfortunate with a reasonable quantity of good stamps, precancels, postmarks, supplies, etc., as the case may warrant. As charity begins at home, we would rather have the names of Wisconsin collectors as far as possible. If none is available our offer holds good for any other 'shut-

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ins." Mr. E. L. Fraim, Wilmington, Delaware, secretary of the Delaware Stamp Club wrote: "It is the intention of the members of the Delaware Stamp Club to distribute packages of stamps to shut-in collectors about Christmas time. I, therefore, ask you if you will kindly send me some worthy names." Local and state societies could indulge in no worthier work than that of bringing stamp cheer to "shut-ins" at Christmas time.

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One Way—Recently, a subscriber said that he would like to secure a book, "How to Photograph Stamps," and now one of our readers has been courteous enough to light up the way, as follows: "If the inquirer will rig up some kind of jigger to hold a long-focus camera in the vertical position, lens down, lay the stamps on a level surface of velvet, or on a level sheet of glass held a few inches above a flat-colored background, and experiment with non-halation orthochromatic plates and a ray filter, he will not need to buy a book on how to photograph stamps. He will shortly be in a position to write one. There are, however, plenty of chapters and books on orthochromatic photography if he still insists." Yes, there is "How to Photograph Stamps," by F. J. Melville, for instance, price twenty cents.

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Scamp Stamps—Mr. E. J. Gifford of St. Paul, Minnesota, interposes a warning against counterfeits of the ten-cent blue, 1861 and the ten-cent rose, 1862, Confederate general issue. He says: "I have had two copies of the ten-cent rose sent me on approval within the last two weeks by dealers widely separated, yet both copies have the same appearance and are both postmarked exactly alike as to design and position on the envelope and stamp. I received also the ten-cent blue, 1861, offered as a new shade, nearly purple, but a plain fake. It should be said in this connection that these two dealers were honest and acknowledged that they had not closely examined the stamps. The fact remains that these counterfeits are scattered about and are not all, I am afraid, in the hands of strictly honest dealers." Confederate counterfeits of the general issues have long been with us but it is something of a novelty to find them offered on the cover in good faith by dealers whose excuse must be laid to a tremendous rush of business. We once bought forgeries as described of these two stamps in an auction sale and the auctioneer took them back, it is needless to say. One die produces the red ten, the blue ten and the purple ten (mentioned by Mr. Gifford) as a mixture of red and blue makes purple.

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Survival of the Fittest—From the secretary of the Southern Philatelic Association we have received the 1914 year book of the association; and we do not hesitate to commend the secretary, Mr. C. V. Webb, for having issued in good season so substantial a volume. There are over seventy-five pages in the book which contains the constitution and list of members, together with the yearly reports of officers and an account of the

annual convention of 1913 that was held in Wichita last September. The Southern Philatelic Association is the oldest of the national organizations outside of the American Philatelic Society and it seems to be the most energetic and progressive of the minor national organizations. It justifies its existence in a way that few of the others do. The present strength of the Southern Philatelic Association is 497 members, the secretary says. There are only two or three members who have a number earlier than our own in the S. P. A.

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Something or Other—The standing of the one-cent Guy, Newfoundland, imperforate, which, we believe, has been mentioned heretofore is in doubt. Mr. L. B. Lincoln who is closely identified with Newfoundland stamps had four single copies of the seemingly imperforate, two used on covers and two unused. One of the used stamps paid the postage on an envelope that came from the bureau of mines of Newfoundland and the second stamp was on a circular from a large bank. The two unused one-cent imperforate are from the last row to the right with the margin of the usual size of about twenty millimeters at right through which there are no perforations; and consequently, the stamps constitute at least a variety to the extent of having no perforations at right. Official confirmation of the existence of the imperforate stamp is lacking or at least is so vague as to be of dubious importance.

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As Usual—Readers, rejoice! We shall take but three words to wish you a Happy New Year. Further, we shall avoid all remarks, recapitulatory and anticipatory, which stern custom imposes at this time of year so as to prove the sincerity of our wish.

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CANCELED BY COMPLAISANCE.

By WM E. MARSH.

The action of the WEEKLY, the *American Boy* and *St. Nicholas* in making a light on the dishonest discount proposition is to be commended most heartily by all collectors. We who have outgrown the boy stage all remember the frequency with which we were "stung" in the days when we put our money into stamps instead of catalogues.

With this stopped, the magazines can well take up the cudgels for the middle class collectors. The experts can take care of themselves and now you have fixed the boys, but I want to raise a nice large howl for us in the middle. I refer to the "curse" of the forged cancellation.

Personally I collect nothing but used stamps. To my way of thinking, a stamp is merely a piece of scrap paper until it has actually carried a piece of mail. If a sheet of stamps is sold to a dealer and he sells a copy to me, that stamp was never sold for postal use. It may have been the postal official's expectation that it would be used on mail, but it was not the buyers and it takes two to make a bargain. The "unused only" people can present equally good arguments for their side of the question. But where is the man who wants a "used" stamp that is not "used?"

The act of the postal clerk in placing a cancellation on a stamp is to be interpreted thus and thus only: "This stamp has been used to prepay postage; it cannot be so used again." If the cancelling stamp is used otherwise, or if a fake stamp is used, the result can be nothing but a lie and therefore a forgery. If the cancelling stamp is a fake, the result is nothing more than a counterfeit. If the genuine cancelling stamp is used, but used fraudulently, at best the result can be considered nothing but a "reprint" cancellation.

I have dealt with about fifty American and four or five foreign dealers the past year. I have bought largely of Latin American. In every order, I have specified I would positively not accept any cancelled to order trash and have made myself almost rude in my emphasis. After this, at least twenty dealers have sent me all sorts of forged cancellations, by implication at least guaranteeing them. I have invariably returned them and have had several very unpleasant controversies over them. A dealer in New York, one who prides himself on his square dealing sent me a nice lot of Java all cancelled alike in the corner, and full gum on the back. He insists yet they are O. K. and that they were used on snuff and the *oily wrapper saved the gum*. Said all Javas were that way. However, he made good the stamps with some which looked all right.

Last week I ordered a number of items from a company, mainly Hayti, Persia and Paraguay. As these three countries are well cursed with cancelled to order trash I made it very plain to the dealer that the trash didn't go with me and when he advertised "used" stamps, I would expect used or nothing. Out of 11 items, four were nicely corner cancelled with full gum on back.

Now to get at the point. A fake cancellation with full gum need fool no one and neither should any one kick if he buys a complete set of Bolivia 1894 all cancelled on the same corner. But this is the crude stuff and causes only annoyance. But there are carloads of Latin American and certain European and Asian stamps bearing fictitious cancellations that no one but an expert can tell. How are we middle class collectors to distinguish them? I have Nicaragua nearly complete, all used and so far as I can tell, properly used. But I have no doubt an expert would shoot my cancellations full of holes in a minute.

So, when you have the dishonest discount practice stopped I would suggest a war on dealers who represent as "used" anything that has not carried a parcel through the mail. I understand there is considerable agitation in Germany just now on this point and it can well be taken up here.

OUR RECRUITING SPECIAL.

We shall issue January 31, a recruiting number of the WEEKLY and we intend to give it a wide circulation. Coming as it will at the very height of the stamp season, it will be a business-bringer of marked value.

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Editor Scott in Metropolitan.

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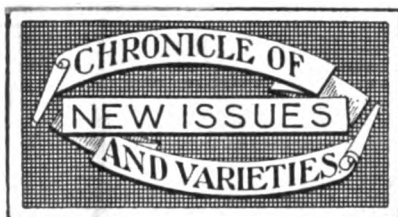
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UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge lists the following new precancels:

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Buffalo, N. Y.—Two lines (BUFFALO-N. Y.) horizontal inscription between lines 12 mm. apart and 1¼ mm. thick, sans-serif capitals. BUFFA. 3½ mm. N. Y. 2 mm. high. 1c 1911-12, Postage Due, Submitted by Louis Janin, Jr. 8c 1912.

Providence, R. I.—Two lines (PROV-R. I.) horizontal inscription between double lines 14 mm. apart, lines ¾ mm. thick and ½ mm. apart. PROV 4 mm. high and R. I. 3½ mm. high, both sans-serif capitals. 1912, 1c, inverted.

Kansas City, Mo.—(1198) 1910, 5c. **Boston, Mass.**—(No. 1164). 4c, 5c, serif capitals. 1912, 1c, inverted.

Pawtucket, R. I.—Two lines (PAW-TUCKET, R. I.) vertical inscription in capitals between two lines, about 12½ mm. apart, this is evidently a rubber stamp impression and lines will vary in thickness according to how heavy the

impression is made. 5c 1912-13, Parcel Post, reading down.

BRAZIL.—Maury's *Collectionneur* reports that the official stamps of 1908, with portrait of Affonso Penna, are to be replaced by a new series with portrait Marshal Hermes. There will be 16 values from 10 to 10,000 reis.

FRANCE.—Owing to extensive counterfeiting of the current stamps, the French postal authorities are preparing a new series that will be more difficult to imitate, says Maury's *Collectionneur*.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Stamp Collecting says that the 3d King George has been issued in deep violet, instead of pale mauve.

GUINEA.—Twenty-four surcharged provisionals are reported to have been issued for this Colony. These stamps are exactly the same as chronicled for Cape Verde in No. 1197, except "Guiné" appears in place of "Cabo Verde." Perhaps the end of these provisional issues may be reached some time, but when.

HONDURAS.—Correcting the item under Nicaragua in No. 1198, we note that the Rev. Louis Voss reports having seen the split provisionals, most of which have already been mentioned by us in the following combinations:

Bisected Diagonally.
Half of 50c, No. 125, with 10 on 20c, No. 130.

Half of 6c, No. 122, with No. 130 and two of No. 119.

Half of 2c, No. 120, with two of No. 120 and No. 123.

Half 6c, No. 134, with two of No. 134.

Half of 10c, No. 123, with No. 123.

Half of 10c, No. 135, with No. 135.

Half of 20c, No. 136, with three of No. 131.

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Half of 6c, No. 134, with two of No. 134.

Half of 10c, No. 135.

Half of 20c, No. 136.

HUNGARY.—The Charity label affixed to the current Hungarian stamps as noted in No. 1199, was for the purpose

of collecting a fund for the relief of sufferers in the recent floods. The Charity stamps, as well as the regular issue, are printed on the new water-marked paper, the 12f, 50f and 60f being on colored paper.

JAPAN.—The following have been issued in the new series in addition to those previously chronicled though we are unable to give any definite information regarding the designs.

Adhesives.

1s orange.
25s sage green.
1y green and maroon.

Offices in China.—Stamp Collecting notes that the 1s, 2s, 4s, 5s, 10s, 20s, 25s, and 1y have been overprinted with the usual syllabic characters for use in China.

LIBERIA.—The New England Stamp Co. shows us a provisional, just issued, by Liberia. The familiar 3c red and green inland postage stamps of 1897 has been converted into an 8c stamp by overprinting the old figure of value with a large five pointed star and covering the word "Inland" with a curved tablet. The new value is expressed by the figure "8" repeated on each side of the star, the overprinting being in very dark green.

Provisional Adhesive.

"8" on 3c red and green; surcharge dark green.

MACAO.—Mr. Schachne has received quite an array of new entires for this colony. The impressed stamp is now bicolored, the denominations and the country being printed in black.

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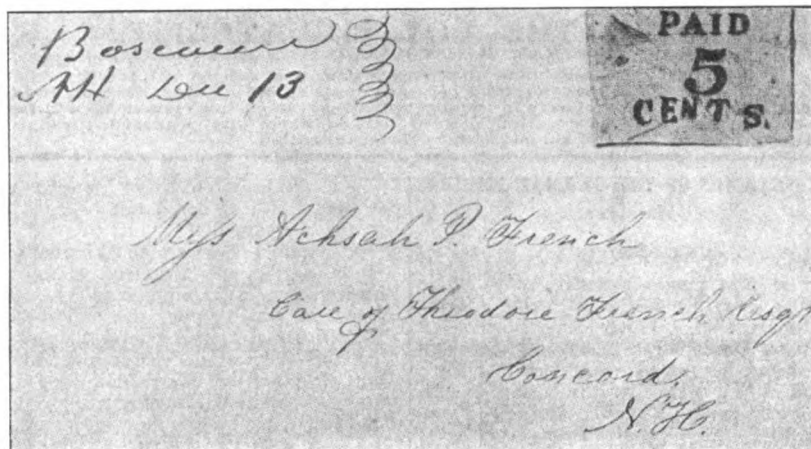
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The Postmaster's Provisional pictured above is a great rarity though but very little is known about it. It is believed that it was issued in 1846 and Luff's History of U. S. Stamps gives it a standing quite satisfactory to the philatelic world though its authenticity has never been fully established. Only one specimen has ever been located.

NETHERLANDS.—We are indebted to the Rev. Louis Voss for a used specimen of the 12 1/2c value of the new commemorative series. We understand that the low values were quickly sold out, and are now in the hands of speculators.

NICARAGUA.—In re the item in No. 1198, it may be said that the only value of the "Cordoba" stamps seen used as a split provisional, was the "Un Centavo" on 50c Liberty. The other varieties mentioned were from Honduras. Dr. Roy F. DeSart also sends us information regarding the above split provisional.

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE.—The Stamp Lover chronicles various issues overprinted locally "REPUBLICA" in black, reading diagonally from left to top right. All were issued July, 1913.

I. 1902 Provisionals.

(a) 1887 issue overprinted with new values in black. Chalk surfaced white wove paper.

(i) Perforated 12 1/2.

400r on 50r blue.

(ii) Perforated 13 1/2.

115r on 10r green.

(b) 1893-95 issue overprinted with new values in black.

(i) Enamel-surfaced white wove paper.

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(iii) Enamel-surfaced white wove paper.

Perforated 12 1/2.

115r on 25r green.

400r on 80r pale green.

(iv) Enamel-surfaced white wove paper.

Perforated 13 1/2.

400r on 50r pale blue.

(c) 1898 issue overprinted "Provisorio" in black.

White wove paper. Perforated 11 1/2x12.

15r chocolate and black.

50r blue and black.

II. 1898-1903 Issues (Portrait of King Carlos).

Wove paper. Perforated 11 1/2x12.

2 1/2r pale grey and black.

20r deep lilac and black.

75r dull purple and black.

100r blue and black on blue.

400r dull blue and black on cream.

500r black and red on azure.

700r mauve and black on yellow.

III. Postage Due Stamps.

1904 postage-dues overprinted locally "REPUBLICA" in black as above.

White wove paper. Perforated 11 1/2x12.

5r yellow-green and black.

10r slate and black.

20r brown and black.

30r orange and black.

50r deep brown and black.

60r pale red-brown and black.

100r mauve and black.

130r blue and black.

200r carmine and black.

500r deep lilac and black.

The above list extends and supplements that printed in MEKEEL's, No. 1194.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the higher shilling values of the new set, as previously chronicled.

AUCTION RESULTS.

Our plans for the winter will not allow the publishing of auction results, much as we should like to do so. We have received a number of interesting lists of prices, the latest being from the Philadelphia Stamp Co., whose sale was held Dec. 12-13. The firm has computed some statistics showing the percentage of catalog obtained and we note that U. S. postage realized 59% of catalog value; U. S. envelopes, locals, revenues, etc., 53%; and foreign stamps 42%. In view of the fact that the sale contained a number of collections by countries consisting of from ten to fifty stamps each, the securing of nearly half catalog is extremely good.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Hanover.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

The first issue consisted of a single stamp, bearing the facial value of one gutengroschen, which was placed on sale on December 1st, 1850. The design shows a large open numeral "1", inscribed "GUTENGR.", in a shield with an arabesque ground. This is surmounted by the Anglo-Hanoverian arms on a rather minute scale. According to an article in the *Philatelic Record*, these arms are, with a slight difference, the same as those borne by George III and succeeding British sovereigns of the Hanoverian House,—from 1801 until William IV's death in 1837. These arms are, quarterly: one and four, England; two, Scotland; three, Ireland; with, on an escutcheon of pretence, Brunswick, Luneberg, and Westphalia, and over all,



(in the centre), the golden crown of Charlemagne, the mark of the dignity of arch-treasurer of the Holy Roman Empire, which belonged to the house of Brunswick. The supporters are the lion and unicorn, and beneath is the motto "SUSCIPERE ET FINIRE," meaning "To undertake and to finish." There is a scroll at the bottom, with the ends running up by the sides of the shield, on which is "HANOVER" at the top, "BRUNSWICK" on the left, "EIN, GGR." at the right, and numerals in each of the lower angles. The period after "EIN" was evidently inserted in error, for it is quite unnecessary and is not repeated on any of the other values issued in succeeding years.

The die was engraved by Herr Fickenscher, a Hanoverian engraver, and the plate was made and the stamps printed by hand presses at the type foundry and printing works of Senator Culemann, in Hanover. The form consisted of 120 casts, taken in type-metal from the original die, which were arranged in twelve horizontal rows of ten. As is usual with stamps manufactured by this process, there are plenty of breaks and flaws in the frame and other lines, and defective letters. The lettering of the motto, in particular, is full of defects, and a perfect inscription is the exception rather than otherwise.

The stamp was printed in black on colored paper, manufactured by Osna-bruck, which was watermarked with rectangles of about the same size as the stamps. Like all the other stamps issued prior to 1864, this 1gr was impertorate.

A peculiarity of this and other Hanoverian stamps is the red gum which was used until about 1864. In the "Adhesive Postage Stamps of Europe" the late Mr. W. A. S. Westoby made the following comments regarding this colored gum:—"What was the real reason for employing colored gum does not appear, but tradition says it was useful in the cases of stamps becoming detached from letters, as the red stain showed that the letters had been stamped, and had lost the stamps during transit. This explanation seems rather lame, for even if it were of any use when there was only one stamp, it could be of none where there were several." However, the fact that the gum was colored is of considerable importance to stamp collectors, for it forms the best test in distinguishing originals from reprints.

To a certain extent this stamp was experimental, for it could not be used on foreign correspondence, but prepaid the single letter rate within the kingdom itself, and also to Bremen, Hamburg, Bremerhaven, Ritzbüttel, and Vegesack in each of which towns the Hanoverian authorities maintained a post office.

At this period the thaler was worth about 78c so the facial value of this stamp in United States currency was about 3c.

Reference List.

December, 1850. Wmk. a Rectangle. Imperf.
1. 1gr black on grey blue. Scott's No. 1.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

Presumably the experiment of issuing postage stamps soon proved quite satisfactory; for in 1851 Hanover joined the German-Austrian Postal Union, and on July 21st, three new stamps were issued with values expressed in fractions of a thaler. The stamps were all of similar design, closely resembling that of the 1gr but having the groundwork of the shield in solid color. The 1/30th was inscribed "EIN SGR." (i. e. 1gr) in that portion of the scroll by the right-hand side of the shield, and the 1/15th and 1/10th were inscribed "ZWEI SGR." and "DREI SGR." respectively, while at the bases the numerals "1", "2", or "3" appeared, to correspond with these inscriptions.



It appears that all the states comprised in the German-Austrian Postal Union—at first tacitly and then formally—agreed to use similar colors for stamps of similar values (an arrangement afterwards adopted by the Universal Postal Union for certain values) so red, blue, and orange were the colors selected for the 1/30, 1/15 and 1/10 thaler stamps. The rates within the Union for which these particular values were required were as follows:—

Up to 10 German miles, 1sgr (1/30th).
Over 10 and under 20 German miles 2sgr (1/15th).

Over 20 German miles 3sgr (1/10th).

As blue was the color chosen for the 1/15th the color of the paper for the 1gr was changed to grey-green.

The dies for the three new values were engraved by Herr Fickenscher, while the plates were made and the stamps printed at Senator Culemann's works as was the case with the first stamp issued. Though we can trace no positive information on the point it is extremely probable that the plates were uniform in size and were composed of 120 type metal casts clamped together in twelve horizontal rows of ten. There are numerous minor varieties in all three values caused by slight imperfections in making the casts. These consist of flaws, broken lines, and defective letters and they are so numerous that it would probably be far from an impossibility for an enthusiastic specialist to plate these stamps.

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